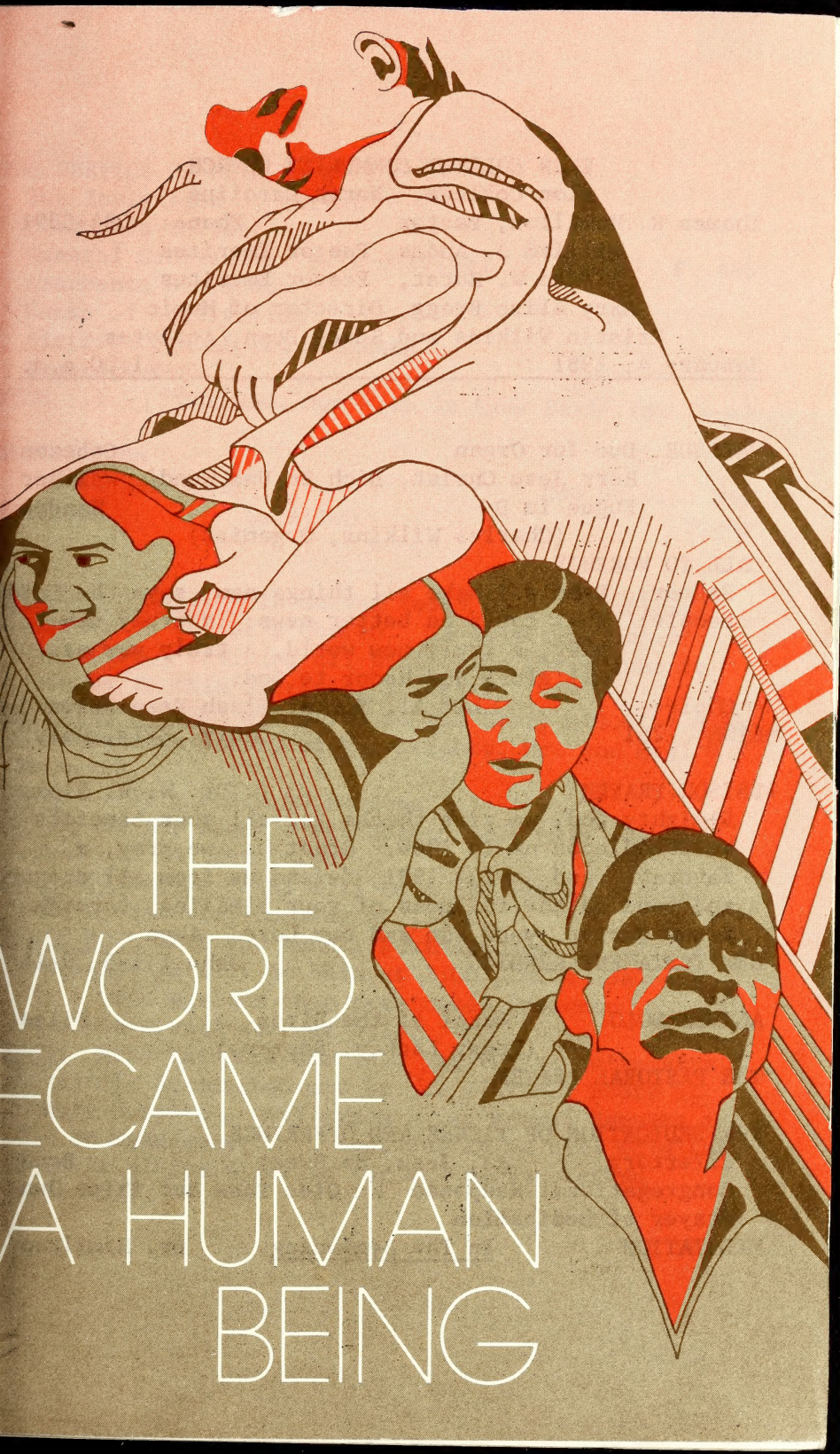
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January 4, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Duo for Organ — Cabezon
Herr Jesu Christ, Dich Zu Uns Wend' — Walther
Fugue in D — Handel
(Charles Wilkins, Organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Behold I make all things new, says the Lord.
People: What could be better news: a truly new year, a truly new world, a truly new us. All glory and honor to God.

Choir: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*UNISON PRAYER — Dr. W. W. Sloan
Almighty God, we give thanks for all your benefits bestowed upon us in 1980. Grant us, we pray, a favorable and joyful 1981, defend us from all danger, and send us the fullness of your blessing; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen

NEW TESTAMENT READING — John 1:1-5, 9-14

ANTHEM SOLO Carol of the Birds — Niles
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Ah, Jesu, So Sweet — Bach
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

MEDITATION <u>In The Beginning</u> — Dr. Hamilton

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal, P. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
YMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (st. 1-4)

ENEDICTION
Choral Response God Be With You
OSTLUDE Carillon Young

HE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion," inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.
HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory ofGod by Miss Ruth Dunn in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Dunn, Sr.
ODAY: 7:30 - Board of Deacons
IRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch".
HE CONFIRMATION CLASS will have its organizational meeting Saturday morning at 11:00.
LEASE NOTE that the Annual Business Meeting of the congregation will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 18, a week earlier than previously announced. Committees will meet at 6:30.
THER; Mrs. Kate McAdams is a patient at University Hospital, Birmingham and Dr. C. Fletcher Moore at County Hospital, Burlington . . . Annual Reports are due on Wednesday . . . next Sunday we will hold the Service of Installation for all newly-elected personnel.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 4, 1981

JOHN 1:1-5, 9-14

In the birth of Jesus, the divine Word became more than mere "flesh." Our English term, "flesh," does not convey the rich range of mind and depth of spirit that the phrase "human being" does. An even better translation than that of the *Good News Bible* may be: "The Word became human." The Fourth Gospel is clear that Jesus, the divine and eternal Logos, was *fully* human. That is something we Christians ought never to forget. Jesus is no mythic or ideal figure. Jesus, who came out of the tomb, came out of the womb.

THE WORD BECOMES HUMAN IN HONDURAS

In Honduras, where the United Church Board for World Ministries and its predecessor agencies have supported a variety of ministries for over half a century, the Word of the gospel has become human in many places and in many ways:

- Members of the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Honduras, led by President Don Gregorio Romero, reach out in ministry to those about them, most recently in a program for the rehabilitation of alcoholics.
- The Association of Evangelical Institutions, led by Don Ernesto Sanchez, is an independent organization administering the Evangelical High School in San Pedro Sula, two primary schools, a nursery school, a medical clinic, and a center for rural vocational education.
- The Evangelical Committee for Development and National Emergencies, CEDEN, now led by Noemi de Espinoza, with funds from Church World Service, Lutheran World Relief, the World Council of Churches, Heifer Project International, and a variety of other funding agencies from around the world, is engaged in agricultural development, health programs, and leadership training on an ecumenical basis, reaching out in Christian service from the capital city of Tegucigalpa to the entire country.

As you support Our Christian World Mission, you join hands with these partners in mission.

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January 11, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Trio for Organ Rhineberger

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God's promises are sure. He has come to us in Jesus of Nazareth, sharing our common lot.

People: He has assured us that he is here with us now: let us come to him in confidence.

Choir: All Praise To Thee, O King Divine

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 42:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 10:34-43

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Installation of officers and committee personnel

Ordination and Installation of Deacons

THE SPOKEN WORD

Anthem Each Winter As the Year Grows Older Gay

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Welcome

Sermon Looking Back Dr. Hamilton

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Offertory Arioso Dello Joio

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 391 "Be Thou My Vision"
* Benediction
* Congregational Response God Be With You
*POSTLUDE Marche Maestoso Handel

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the guest register in the narthex. You are greeted at the door by Mrs. Della Scott and Mr. T. L. Smith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. H. H. Cunningham by the Family.

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION is held this morning for officers and committee personnel. Mrs. Virginia Richardson and Mr. Bill Ellis are ordained to the Office of Deacon and installed along with Mr. Bill Blanchard who has been ordained previously.

TODAY: 7:00 - Music Committee
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Tuesday evening at 6:30 at McMillan's Mall Restaurant. Cars will leave the church parking lot at 6:20.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation is next Sunday evening at 7:00. Committees will meet at 6:30 for organizational and goal-setting purposes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of 1980 contributions are available in the narthex.

OTHER: Dr. C. Fletcher Moore is a patient at County Hospital . . . The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday morning at 10:30 with Mrs. Gertrude Barney as attendant . . . The congregation unites in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Stella Huffine and Mr. Walter Cox upon the death of their sister, Mrs. Mattie Cox Ward of Greensboro on January 7. . . Our services of worship are broadcast over station WSOE (89.3 FM) each Sunday.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 11, 1981

ACTS 10:34-43

It could not have been easy for Peter to do what he did: go into the home of the "Italian Cohort" Cornelius. After all, Peter was a loyal Israelite and Cornelius served the aliens who held Israel in bondage. And Peter was a devout Jew—a disciple of Jesus, to be sure—yet one in self-awareness as Jewish as Moses. But Peter had had a vision. It made him see that God was the God of Cornelius quite as much as of Peter. So, chosen people or no chosen people, Peter welcomed the new insight and received Cornelius as equal before a God who has no "favorites."

GOD CALLS US ALL TO NEW INITIATIVES

Christ's manifestation is a theme that lies at the heart of the Epiphany season. Today, Christ is made manifest across the length and breadth of the United Church of Christ as congregations—old and new—respond with new initiatives to opportunities for witness and service.

To fund many of these new initiatives, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ has called for the raising of $8 million over the next three years. This effort, called New Initiatives in Church Development (NICD), will provide subsidies for leadership and program expenses both of new congregations and of established congregations which face new opportunities.

Your own congregation will be asked to participate in the New Initiatives program according to a plan and schedule worked out in your own U.C.C. conference. Identification of locations where opportunities exist for new initiatives and where funds will be used is to be made jointly by U.C.C. conferences and our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

What kind of response will this modern-day manifestation of Christ's presence require of us? Some of us may be prepared to give $100, $1000, or more. Some may "buy shares" at $20, $25, or $60 per share. Some may make a pledge covering a period of two or three years. Others may make a one-time gift that represents a few hours' pay or two or three percent of one month's income. All of us are challenged to give a significant over-and-above gift for New Initiatives in Church Development.

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January 18, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Allegro in Trio Style Walther

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the beginning, God created . . .

People: In this beginning of a new year, may all his children live in peace with him, with each other, and with themselves. Let that peace begin now.

Choir: Come, Let Us Sweetly Join

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 3 "God Himself is With Us"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 49:3-6

NEW TESTAMENT READING I Corinthians 1:1-9

THE SPOKEN WORD

Anthem Forever Blest is He Handel

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Welcome

Hymn 448 "Thy Kingdom Come, O Lord"

Sermon Looking Back A Year Dr. Hamilton

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Offertory Expectans, Expectavi, Dominum
(Denise Joines, Soprano) . Saint-Saens

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 426 "The Voice of God is Calling"

Benediction
Choral Response

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Lewis R. Drumm by Mrs. Lewis R. Drumm.

TODAY: 5:00 - Confirmation Class
6:30 - Senior Hi Youth
6:30 - All Committees and Boards
7:00 - The Annual Meeting

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation is this evening at 7:00. You are asked to review the booklet of annual reports before coming tonight. Other business items may be presented by any member.

THE ELECTED COMMITTEES meet this evening at 6:30 for organizational and goal-setting purposes.

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00. The program is to be presented by Mr. and Mrs. Revere Mogle.

THE BURLINGTON DISTRICT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP holds its quarterly dinner meeting Thursday evening at 7:00 at Long's Chapel. Cars will leave the parking lot at 6:30. Please make your reservation today.

THE SENIOR HI YOUTH leave Saturday morning at 8:30 for a ski weekend at Blowing Rock.

THE LANCASTER ARTS ENSEMBLE will present a creative worship experience here on January 27 at 7:30 p.m.

OTHER: Mrs. Gladys Simpson is a patient at County and Mrs. Martha Whitesell at University Hospital, Birmingham . . . Financial statements for 1980 are available in the narthex . . . Our services are broadcast over radio station WSOE, 89.3 FM.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18, 1981

I CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

Busy port on a sheltered seaway from the Adriatic to the Aegean, Corinth was commercially and militarily important. The Christian movement secured a strategic toehold there. Much of the exalted writing in our New Testament is from Paul's letters to Corinth. And Paul links us and our churches with those Corinthians. The call to grow in moral seriousness, to use diverse gifts for serving the one Lord, to live by the surpassing excellence of love, to trust God for victory over death —what Paul wrote to Corinth, he has also addressed to you.

THE UNITY WE PROCLAIM

We rarely hear the cooperation between Christian churches, a cooperation known as "the ecumenical movement," proclaimed as part of the Good News of the gospel. More often the ecumenical movement is presented as a task and as an organization. As a task, it is described as a duty, a duty to establish unity with other Christians who sometimes seem different from us. And as an organization, the ecumenical movement is identified with such agencies as a Council of Churches or the Consultation on Church Union (COCU).

The ecumenical movement is, however, a response to the awareness that the Church is one, and that this oneness is brought about by the grace of God in Jesus Christ. "The Emerging Theological Consensus," a statement recently published by COCU, notes that the unity of the Church is both God's gift and God's will. As a gift, we receive the unity of the Church as part of God's total graciousness to us. To acknowledge amidst the diversity of theologies and the pluralism of peoples, races, and classes that we are invited to experience each other as a part of the community of God is indeed a gift, especially in this time when nationalism, racism, and sexism still seem so rampant.

As God's will for us, the unity of the Church becomes a part of the message we proclaim to a divided world, a world where we still categorize people by nation, race, and sex, and by how closely they concur with our own lifestyle. The ecumenical movement, as a response to the graciousness of God, becomes the attempt to live out that unity in all settings of our lives, including ecumenical organizations.

Norman Jackson

Executive Associate to the President,
United Church of Christ.

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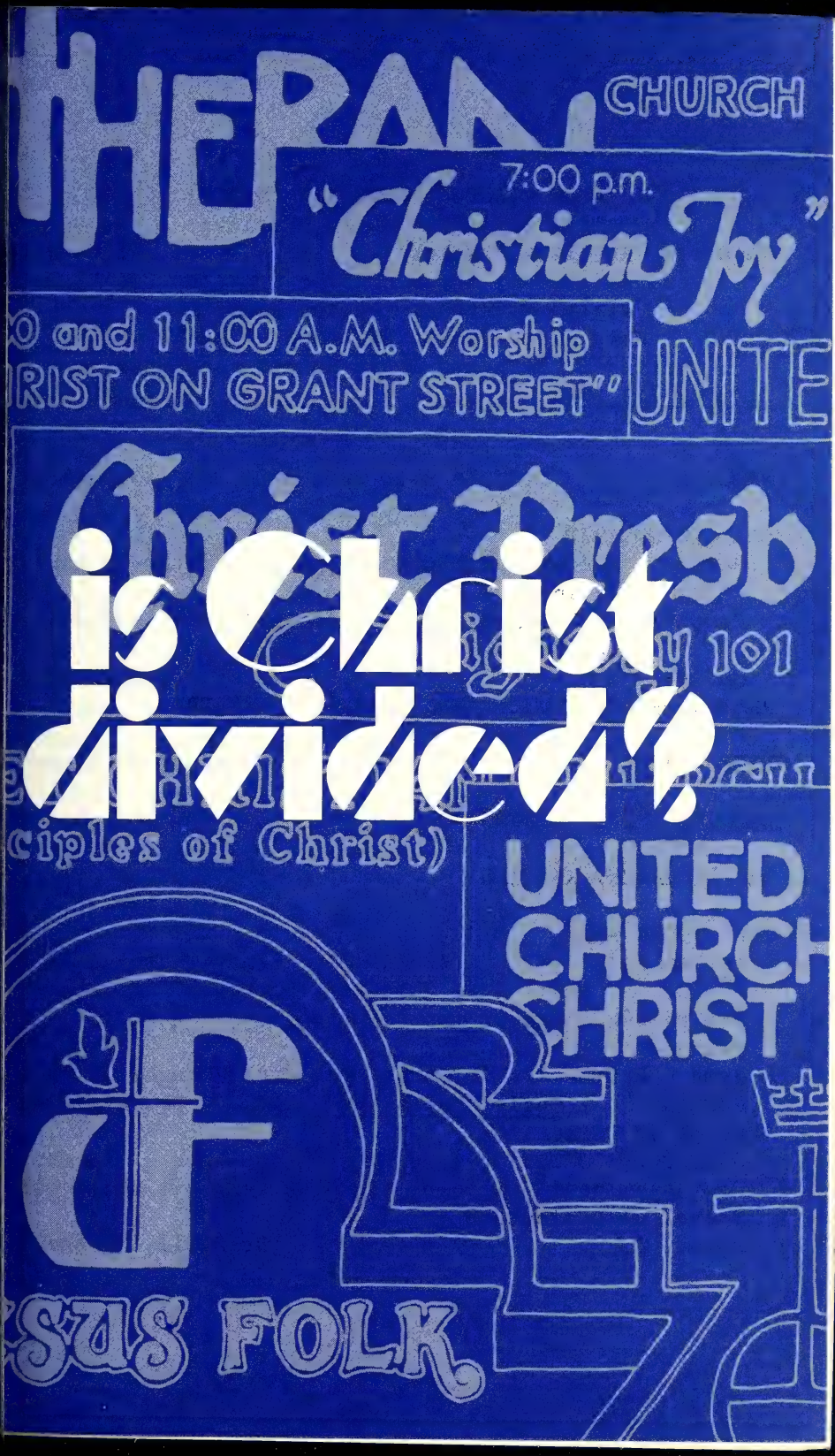

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January 25, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE God Is Ever Present Kaig-Elert

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Let us worship God together for he is the living God.
People: In his Kingdom we live, and in it we have our hope.
Choir: God Is Love

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Amos 3:1-8

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 3:7-16

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Solo Be Still and Know That I Am God
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Welcome
Hymn 225 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
Sermon Christ Loves the Future Dr. Hamilton

THE ACT OF DEDICATION
Offertory O World, I Now Must Leave Thee Brahms
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 77 "Be Still, My Soul"

* Benediction

* Congregational Response — The Doxology

*POSTLUDE — A Mighty Fortress — Walther

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mrs. Josie Huey and Family in memory of her grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Loy, and her husband, Mr. C. C. Huey.

THE SENIOR HI YOUTH will return this evening from a ski-retreat weekend at the Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds.

THE LANCASTER SEMINARY ARTS ENSEMBLE will appear here Tuesday evening at 7:30. They will be presenting a creative worship experience called "The People of God." You are cordially invited to attend.

REPORTS from the Annual Congregational Meeting are available in the narthex.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dean upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Stella Cox of St. Louis, on January 19 . . . and to the Lightbourne Family upon the death of our Conference Minister, Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., on January 22.

THE SEEKERS Church School Class will hold a covered dish dinner next Sunday evening at 6:30. Beverage will be provided.

OUR SERVICES OF WORSHIP are broadcast over Radio Station WSOE, 89.3 on the FM dial.

ARTICLES for the Torch are due tomorrow morning.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 25, 1981
I CORINTHIANS 1:10-17

"Is Christ divided?" Paul put that query to Corinthians who quarreled over loyalty to him, to eloquent Apollos, or to Judaistic Peter. Of course Christ is one. But Christ and we are complex! See how we turn the language inside out to tell the impact of Jesus on our lives. Variously, we call him Son of Man, Messiah, Teacher, Physician, Lamb of God, Son of God. His many-sidedness provokes diversity that roots within us. Such symbols as the Eucharist or acts done in Christ-ly love—can they not best enable us to affirm faith in One who is the Lord of us all?

REACH OUT: RISK AND RECEIVE

Being a Christian lay person in today's world is not an easy job or a part-time job. It is difficult. It must be worked at full-time. Just as persons must forgive in order to be forgiven, lay people must reach out, in witness and service, in order to receive from others and from God.

Maintaining a safe distance from others and holding one's possessions for personal use affords a measure of security, but not joy. Joy comes in the unexpected moments of visibly witnessing to God's love—whether it be action, service, or reassuring words. It is in the act of reaching out, which involves risk, that persons are sometimes misunderstood, wrongly judged, or even misguided. Even so, at such times God is able to speak to us and through us.

The feelings of "aliveness," of being "at one" with God at these times bring great joy. God's power and love and blessing are ours. Reach out, even at risk to yourself, "rendering service with a good will to the Lord . . . knowing that whatever good any one does, [that one] will receive the same again from the Lord . . ." (Eph. 6:7-8).

Lois Clark
Department of Church Women
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

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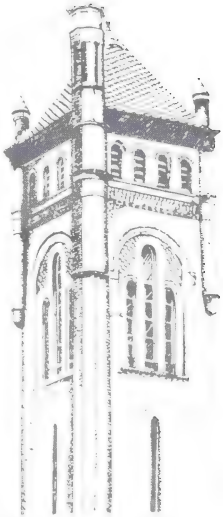
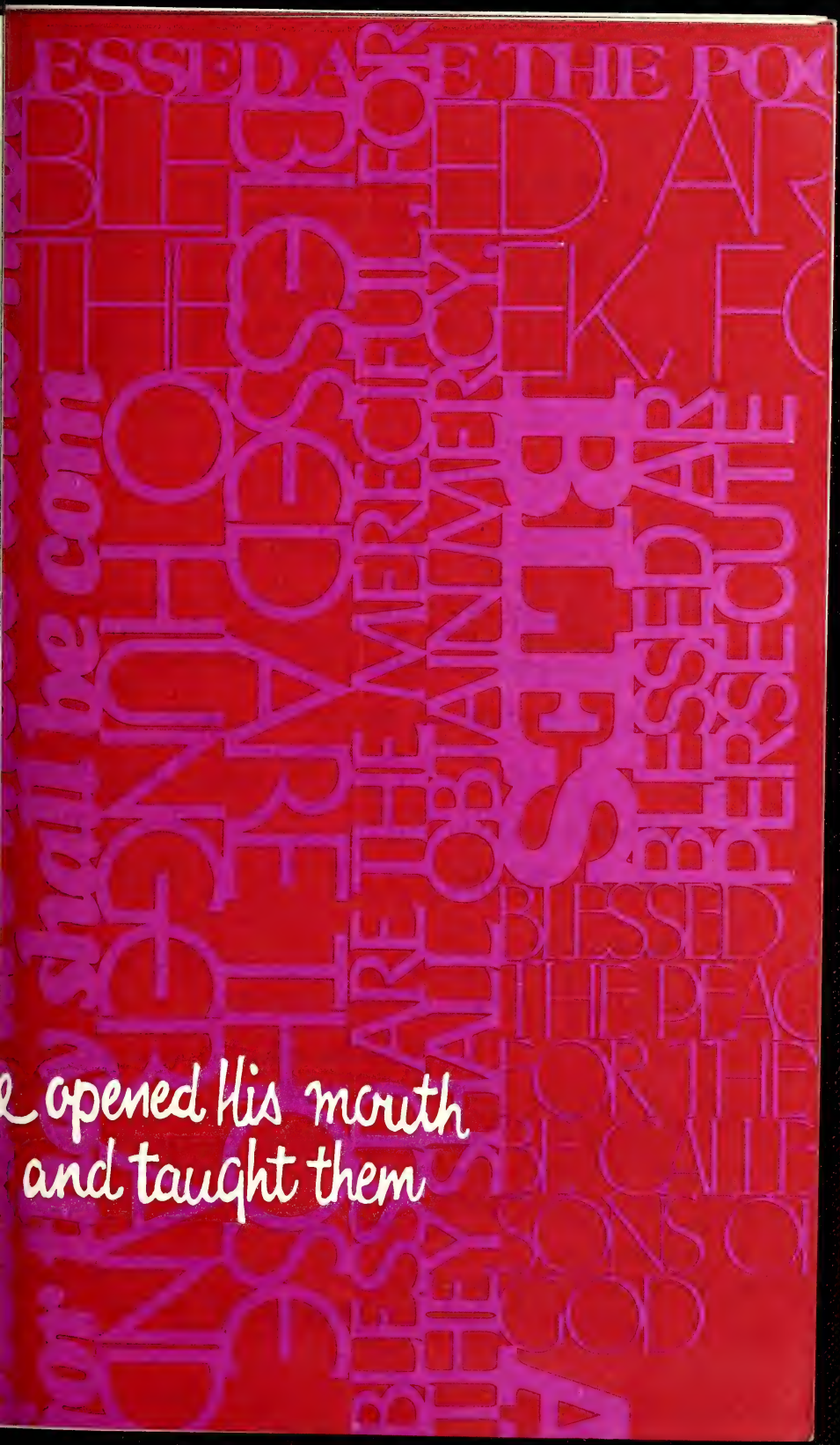


DATE **Tuesday, January 27, 1981**

TIME **7:30 p.m.**

NAME OF CHURCH **Elon College Community Church (UCC)**

ADDRESS **Elon College, NC**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February 1, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Morning Hymn Rowley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God's Word is a lamp to our feet, a light along the pathway.

People: In the presence of the Word revealed in Christ Jesus and written in Scripture, let us worship God. Praise the Lord!

Choir: God is Love

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 22 "We Praise Thee, O God"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zephaniah 3:8-13

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 10:25-35

THE SPOKEN WORD

Anthem Brethren, We Have Come to Join in Worship
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Welcome
Hymn 357 "Strong Son of God" (st. 1-4)
Sermon Good Samaritans Dr. Hamilton

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Offertory Adagio in A Flat Mozart
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 426 "The Voice of God is Calling"
* Benediction
* Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hughes in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Owings and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hughes.

TODAY: 5:00 - Confirmation Class
6:30 - Seeker's Class Covered Dish
6:30 - Senior Hi Youth
7:30 - Board of Deacons

THE SEEKER'S CLASS is holding a covered dish supper this evening at 6:30 in the Choral Center. Beverage will be provided. Bring your children with you. Games are planned for the whole group. The Senior Hi Youth will join the Seekers for this supper and games.

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet on Monday and Tuesday as announced in "The Torch".

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE of the Women's Fellowship is sponsoring the Wednesday Bible Studies during February. The theme is "Consider Christ". The sessions will be held at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Please bring a Bible and pen or pencil. This week's sessions will be led by Mrs. Verona Danieley.

THE CHOIR REHEARSAL on Wednesday evening will be from seven to nine o'clock.

THE BULLETIN INSERT is a reminder of our concern for the capital expansion effort of Memorial Hospital.

THANKS to all who assisted in hosting the Arts Ensemble of Lancaster Seminary last week.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Lillie Waugh at Memorial; Mrs. Martha Whitesell at Athens-Limestone Hospital, Athens, Alabama.

OUR SERVICES OF WORSHIP are broadcast over Radio Station WSOE, 89.3 on the FM dial.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 1, 1981

MATTHEW 5:1-12

Some people look at crowds and see markets. Others see the multitudes and think of votes. Some look upon the masses as welfare chiselers, overbreeders, and revolutionaries. When Jesus looked into a crowd, he saw persons, each with unique need, pain, sin, and hope. To the hungry people he gave fish and bread. To the crippled, sick, and blind, he restored health. He made himself a friend of the alienated and alone. He saw that the crowds were lost, like sheep without a shepherd. So, with compassion and truth, "he opened his mouth and taught them."

EMPOWERED AND BLEST

When Jesus spoke to his disciples and to the crowd on the mountain, he summarized his message. "How blest," he said, "are the poor in spirit, those that mourn, the meek . . . ."

The theologian Karl Barth thought that the two key resources for Christians are the Bible and the newspaper. Newspapers and television assault us with problems and with news of where God continues to stir up people seeking justice, liberation, and human community. For us, then, the task is to bring together the gospel and the situation. And in this task we have many resources to help us. One of the most recent was published by our Office for Church in Society and is entitled: *Empowering the Church in Society.*

A packet of four booklets, *Empowering the Church in Society*, contains resources to help you and the members of your congregation discover your "Identity for Action," provides practical suggestions for a planning process in "Planning for Action," lifts up different ways of approaching social issues in "Models for Action," and gives helpful lists on a variety of issues in "Resources for Action."

The United Church of Christ has long stressed the need to combine knowing the gospel and doing the gospel. For us it is not enough to acknowledge that God blesses the merciful, blesses the peacemakers; we must become more merciful, we must become peacemakers. In this effort, you will find *Empowering the Church in Society* a great help.

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HOSPITAL SUNDAY

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
OF ALAMANCE COUNTY
Burlington, North Carolina

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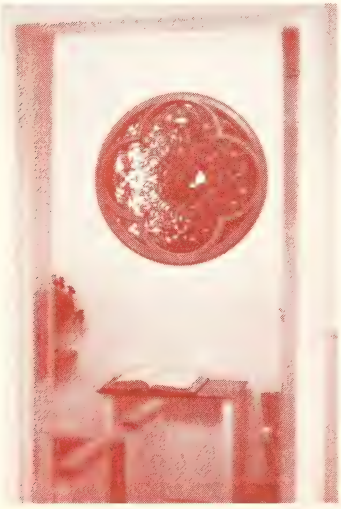
The ministry of healing comes to many people in many forms — to the patient ease of pain, loss of fear and recovery. To the family it could mean a doctor or pastor bringing you news of a serious condition or even death to a loved one. Your pastor and doctor are always ready to assist you at the hospital when these tension filled incidents occur.



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February 8, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude in f minor Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Come, My Soul, Thou Must be Waking
Call to Worship
* Hymn 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"
* Salute to the Colors
The Christian Flag: Dr. Hamilton
I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands, one brotherhood uniting humankind in service and love.
The American Flag: Mr. Troxler
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Numbers 13 (selected)
Anthem Sing to the Lord Haydn
New Testament Reading Matthew 5:1-16
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Land of Rest Near
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: A Scout is Trustworthy.

People: The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted also in great. (Luke 16:10-12)

Leader: A Scout is Loyal.

People: Therefore; my beloved, stand firm and immovable and work for the Lord always. (I Cor. 15:58)

Leader: A Scout is Helpful.

People: When I was hungry, you gave me food; when thirsty, you gave me drink; when I was a stranger, you took me into your home; when naked, you clothed me; when I was ill, you came to my help; when in prison, you visited me. (Mt. 25:35-36)

Leader: A Scout is Friendly.

People: A man who has friends must show himself friendly. (Prov. 18:24)

Leader: A Scout is Courteous.

People: Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be kindly, be courteous. (I Pe. 3:8)

Leader: A Scout is Kind.

People: Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you. (Eph. 4:32)

Leader: A Scout is Obedient.

People: Children, obey your parents, for it is right that you should. If you love Me, you will obey my commands. (Eph. 6:1 and John 14:15)

Leader: A Scout is Cheerful.

People: A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance. (Prov. 15:13)

Leader: A Scout is Thrifty.

People: Precious treasure remains in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it. (Prov.21:2

Leader: A Scout is Brave.

People: Be strong and of good courage and do it. Fear not, be not dismayed; for the Lord God even my God is with you. (I Ch. 28:20)

Leader: A Scout is Clean.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. (Ps. 51:10)

Leader: A Scout is Reverent.

People: Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us worship with reverence and awe. (Heb. 12:28)

Recognition of Cub Pack 51
Responsive Reading (insert)
Hymn 489 "I Would Be True"
Sermon Scouting the Land

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 446 "God the Omnipotent"
Benediction
Choral Response Threefold Amen
*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Snyder in memory of their fathers, Mr. Coy M. Mann and Mr. Loring W. Snyder.

WE ARE PLEASED to recognize today the Cub Scouts, leaders, and committee of Pack 51. Please note the bulletin inserts. Assisting as liturgist this morning is Dr. George Troxler, Cubmaster.

TODAY: 5:00 - Confirmation Class
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth
7:00 - Music Committee
7:00 - Outreach Committee

THE WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES are planned by the Spiritual Life Committee of the Women's Fellowship. The 10:00 a.m. session will be led by Mrs. Bertie Fields and the 7:30 p.m. session by Mrs. Beth Wilkins.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Martha Whitesell at University Hospital, Birmingham.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 1981

MATTHEW 5:13-16

We say that Jesus is "the Light of the World," meaning that as sunlight dispels darkness, creates color, and generates life, so Jesus enlightens the mind, sheds the glory on existence, and enlivens the spirit. But Jesus calls us "the light of the world." That means that we are appointed to a mission of healing and hope, sanity and joy, not by the shining of our own light, but by being people through whom the light of Christ radiates throughout all humankind. In this world's darkest places, we are to glow with the world's brightest Light.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Responding to a call to discipleship may lead us to some unexpected places. We can, for example, celebrate our call to ministry in the places of this country's criminal justice system: courtrooms, jail cells, victims' homes, prison yards, patrol cars. We may find ourselves in unexpected places—wherever human lives are affected by crime and by a system of justice that is not always just.

As Christians, we know that a legitimate and essential act of Christian responsibility is to witness to the oneness of all people under God. We are expected to bear one another's burdens: the burdens of the victims of crime, of accused and convicted persons, of ex-offenders, of the families of those who work in the criminal justice system.

Even more, we are called to bear each other's burdens when persons are hungry, lack decent housing, and need employment opportunities. As these and similar needs are met, we expect injustice and crime to diminish.

We are impelled by the knowledge that the gospel of Jesus Christ has a central message of justice and human concern to bring to every relationship, including those that are affected by the criminal justice system.

Kathy Young
Associate for Justice Systems Issues,
United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

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"WE THANK THEE, O LORD" By Norman Rockwell

A Scout is Reverent

CUB SCOUT PROMISE

I, ... promise
To do my best
To do my duty
To God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack

BOY SCOUT OATH OR PROMISE

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

THE EXPLORER CODE

As an Explorer—

I believe that America's strength lies in her trust in God and in the courage and strength of her people.

I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.

I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it.

I will recognize the dignity and worth of my fellowmen and will use fair play and good will in dealing with them.

I will acquire the Exploring attitude that seeks the truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.

SCOUTING IS A SET OF PRINCIPLES

In the Cub Scout Promise, the B Scout Oath and Law, and Explorer Code, the Boy Scouts America has defined a set principles to which every meml commits himself. These princip include duty to God, duty to count duty to others, and duty to oneself Scout's primary allegiance is to own religious convictions and to program of his church, synagogue other religious affiliation.

SCOUTING IS A PROGRA

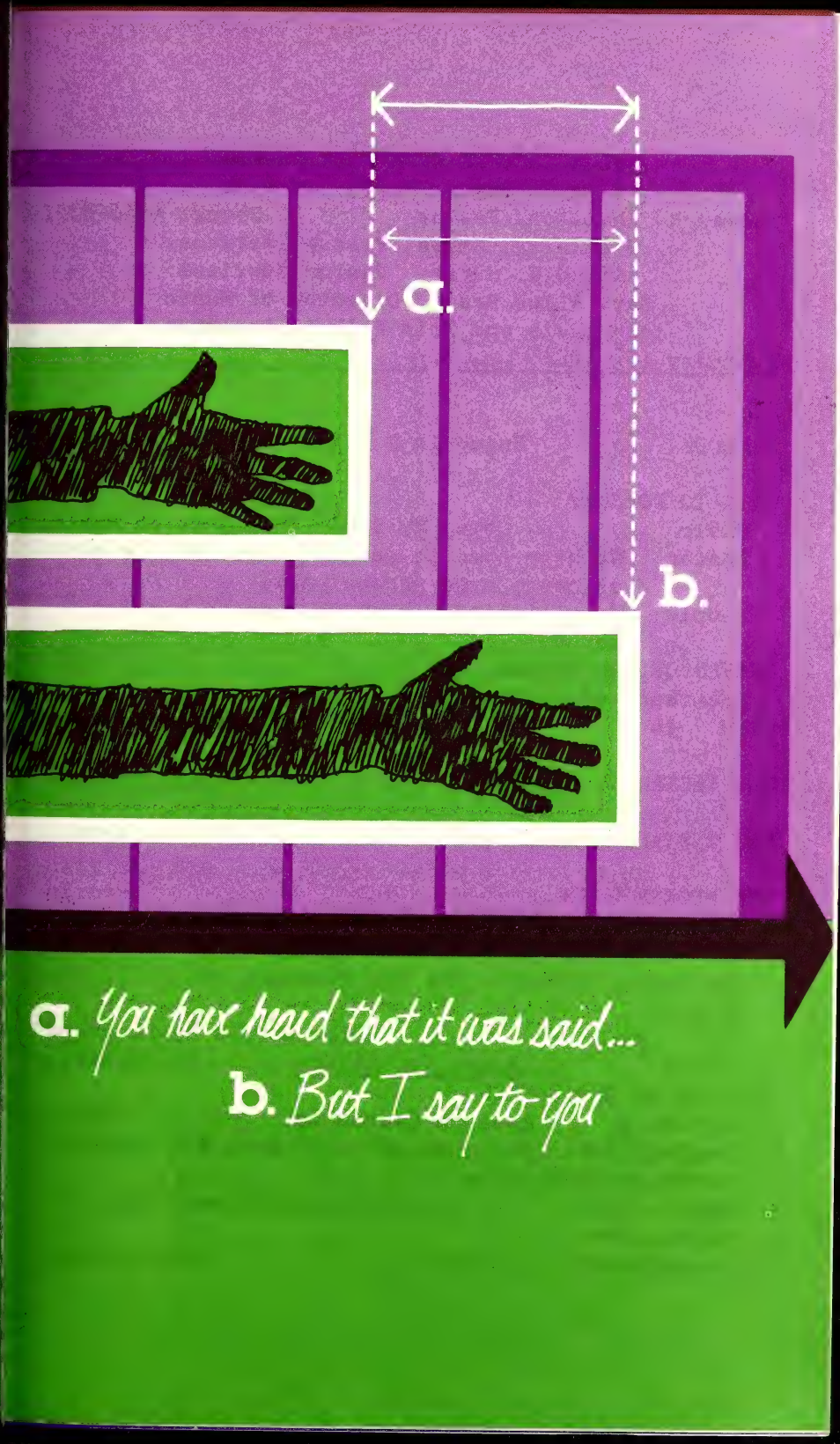
The Scouting program is a mea through which boys learn to pract the principles of the moveme Through fun and adventure a experience in the out-of-doors a many wholesome Scouting activiti Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, a Explorers develop traits of charac and habits of conduct that essential to good citizenship.

SCOUTING IS A PARTNERSH

Scouting is made available to b through Cub Scout packs, Boy Sc troops, and Explorer units that chartered to cooperating organi tions. Chartered organizatio operate their own Scouting units a part of their own on-going progr for children and young people majority of Scouting units chartered by churches a synagogues.

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS

Religious emblems programs boys of all faiths in Scouting available in their respective churc and synagogues. For m information ask your minister, pri rabbi, or telephone the Boy Scout America.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a. You have heard that it was said...
b. But I say to you

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February 15, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Fugue in G Major Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choir: Come, My Soul, Thou Must Be Waking
Pastor: We have come to seek the Lord who is close at hand, even present now.
People: We will find him as we turn to him for mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Assurance of Pardon
*HYMN 14 "The God of Abraham Praise"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 5 (selected)

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Grieve Not the Holy Spirit Noble
(Denise Joines, Soprano)
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Welcome
Hymn: 84 "The Lord's My Shepherd"
Sermon Rules for Living Dr. Hamilton

THE ACT OF DEDICATION
Offertory Andante Cantabile Franck
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 383 "Forward Through the Ages"
* Benediction
* Congregational Response The Doxology

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TODAY: 4:00 - Anniversary Committee
5:00 - Confirmation Class
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth
7:00 - Stewardship/Missionary Education Committee
7:30 - Christian Education Committee

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Updyke Choral Center. The program on Memorial Hospital's expansion will be presented by Mrs. Carole Tarry.

THE WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES are planned by the Spiritual Life Committee of the Women's Fellowship. The 10:00 a.m. session will be led by Mrs. Adelia Truitt and the 7:30 p.m. session by Mrs. Jane Hamilton.

OSPITALIZED: Mrs. Martha Whitesell at University Hospital, Birmingham.

HE THRIFT SHOP will be open Saturday morning at 10:30 with Mrs. Mary Fabian as attendant.

XPLORATORY CLASSES for those considering membership here will be held in March with new members to be received in April. Those who are interested at this time are asked to so advise the Pastor or one of the Deacons.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 15, 1981

MATTHEW 5:27-37

The law had built fences against all who would murder, commit adultery, perpetrate casual divorce, slander, or revenge. But merely not to murder the neighbor was not enough. So Jesus cited higher law: "You shall love." Love builds paths. Paths make better neighbors than fences. Jesus saw old law fulfilled in new law: not murder or anger, but reverence of all life; not adultery or lust, but responsible affection; not divorce on trivial grounds, slanderous lies, or vengeful acts, but strong respect for the rights and worth of every human.

WAGE PEACE—FIGHT HUNGER

You have heard it said that the United States must maintain military superiority over its rivals. You have heard it said that since the earth's resources are finite we must be prepared to let half the world starve. What is the Christian position?

Most people agree that if the arms race were halted—really halted—and the resources of our world were rechanneled, feeding the hungry could come more readily within the realm of everyday reality. We differ, however, in our appraisal of how the arms race can be halted and of how the world's food resources can best be rechanneled so as to avoid the two most potential catastrophes: nuclear holocaust (whether by accident, design, or escalation) and massive starvation on a never-before-known scale.

Many in our religious communities believe that human and material resources consumed in the arms race could be used to prevent starvation, both by direct emergency relief feeding and by enhanced agricultural development. But to do this will require economic conversion of military industries to peaceful production, de-escalation of international tensions, and reduction of violence.

As Christians we can never be content with past failures; we must press on toward future victories—toward a world at peace, toward food for all humankind!

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GOD SENDS RAIN ON THE JUST AND THE UNJUST

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Cris Bragg and David Harper, Acolytes

February 22, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Canzona Froberger

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choir: Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Pastor: Ages ago God called us with a holy calling to be his people.
People: Even now, in the life and teachings of his Son, he calls us to walk in his ways.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Assurance of Pardon
*HYMN 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Leviticus 19: 1, 2, 17, 1

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 5:38-4

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Come Jesus, Holy Son of God Handel
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Welcome
Hymn 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be
Sermon <u>The Rules Toughen</u> Dr. Hamilto

THE ACT OF DEDICATION
Offertory Vocalise Rachmaninof
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Ow
* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
* Benediction
* Congregational Response The Doxolog

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Andrew N. McLelland by Judge and Mrs. D. Marsh McLelland.

TODAY: 2:30 - Senior Hi Youth
3:30 - Men's Executive Committee
5:00 - Confirmation Class

THE WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES are planned by the Spiritual Life Committee of the Women's Fellowship. The 10:00 a.m. session will be led by Mrs. Della Scott and the 7:30 p. m. session by Mrs. Jane Moncure.

THE CUB SCOUT Blue and Gold Banquet will be held Thursday evening at 6:30 in the Parish House.

MRS. ELLEN BARNEY WILLIAMS may be heard in recital at Whitley Auditorium Thursday evening at 8:00.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. George Shumar upon the death of her sister, Mrs. Thomas H. Jeffreys of Graham, on February 16.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Huey and Grandmother, Mrs. Josie Huey, upon the birth of Charlie Chester Huey, II, on February 17.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Martha Whitesell at Limestone Hospital, Athens, Alabama.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 22, 1981
MATTHEW 5:38-48

Sometimes it is hard enough to love your friends. How much harder to have good will for people you never could regard as friend! Yet, here is Jesus telling us to pray for such people—even to love them. God, he says, sends rain on the just and unjust. We know that. We have bridled at the good fortune of people who deserved the opposite. Were we God, we have said, things would be different. Except, when we're honest about it, we have breathed in relief that Providence did not dry up life's goodness when we, ourselves, were among the unjust.

RE-EXAMINATION OF MISSION IN INDONESIA

United Church of Christ missionary Michael Walker recently wrote from Indonesia about the forced re-evaluation of the missionary role there. Decisions by the State Minister of Religious Affairs now make it impossible for missionaries or for any foreign workers to stay in Indonesia as long as they like. Foreign workers are expected to train Indonesians in the skills that they themselves possess and literally push themselves out of a job.

The reasons arise out of Indonesia's colonial background, out of Islamic fears of "Christianization," and out of the continuing need for independence and national integrity. But, says Walker, while it is dangerous for the church to accept the implied government definition of missionary as a "skills specialist," the forced re-evaluation is not all bad. It is, in fact, "very healthy."

It's good for the churches, because they are re-examining their dependence (for personnel and finances) on mission boards and foreign churches. And it's good for the missionaries, because they are discovering that Indonesians often can do a job just as well as they can themselves.

First expressions of this new policy have fallen more heavily on some conservative Protestant and Roman Catholic missionaries. Such called-for training of indigenous leadership, however, has long been a primary concern of the United Church Board for World Ministries and of the other denominations related to the Indonesian Council of Churches.

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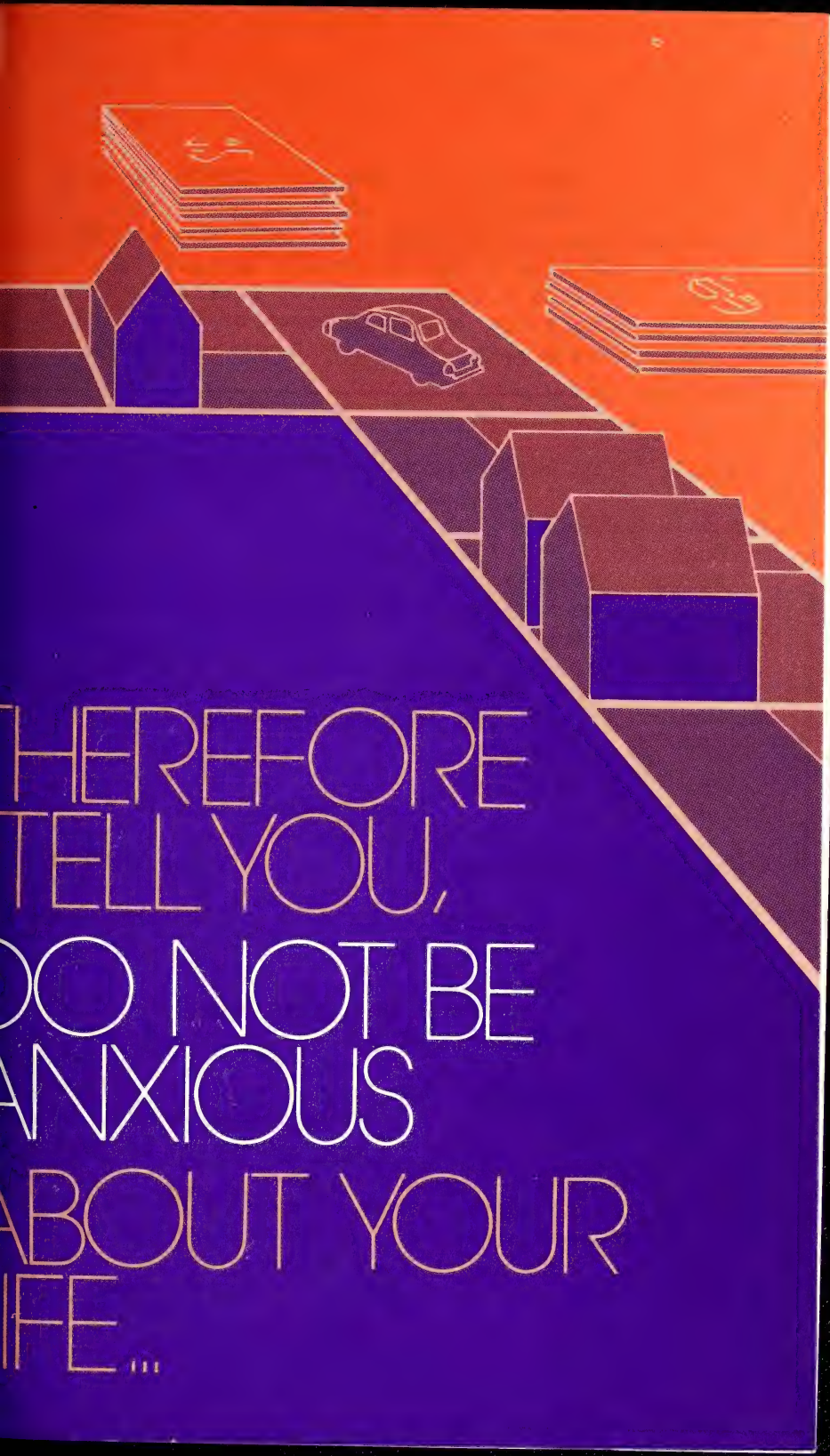
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TELL YOU,
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March 1, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE He Who Suffers God to Guide Thee Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Duet Sound the Trumpet Purcell

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made. We would bow our heads and order our thoughts in prayer.

People: In this place of prayer and worship, we seek the nearness of God for he is our refuge and strength forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

*HYMN 305 "The Morning Light is Breaking"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 49:14-18

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 6:24-34

THE SPOKEN WORD

Duet "Dominee" (Mass in c minor) Mozart

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Welcome

Moment of Concern: OGHS Mr. Wilkins

Hymn 234 "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

Sermon Choice is Inevitable Dr. Hamilton

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Offertory Anthem Lord, Above All Other Treasures

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 441 "Once to Every Man and Nation"

* Benediction

* Congregational Response The Doxology

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THANKS to Ellen B. Williams, Sandra McClain, and Louis Wilkins for their participation in leading our Service of Worship.

TODAY: 5:00 - Confirmation Class
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth
7:30 - Board of Deacons

THE NOONTIME LENTEN STUDIES begin this Wednesday. Rev. Bill Long will lead this session on "Jesus said . . . to his parents . . . about God". Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

THE EVENING BIBLE STUDY will continue for three more Wednesdays at 7:30. These topics relate to women near the cross.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held here Friday at 10:30 a.m. An informal coffee hour begins at 10:00 a.m.

AN EXPLORATORY CLASS for new members meets next Sunday morning at 10:00 in the Gregory Library.

THE THRIFT SHOP will be open Saturday at 10:30 a.m., with Adelia Truitt and Verona Danieley as attendants.

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

MARCH 1, 1981
MATTHEW 6:24-34

"No one can carry two melons in one hand." The Oriental proverb suggests what Jesus means when he urges us not to get distracted in an effort to pile up "goods." Not that Jesus is imprudent and visionary. He understands our need for food, clothes, a house, and other means of survival and delight. The issue Jesus raises is priority. Will you have an insatiable appetite to consume and try to prove your worth with your wealth? Or, first of all, will you be loyal to God's reign? Choose that, urges Jesus. Then you will enjoy life's truest "goods."

HUMAN RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD

How have Christians in the U.S. responded to the call from fellow Christians throughout the world in countries where people are oppressed? Through the Human Rights Office of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., together with Christians of many denominations, we have sent representatives to protest the military repression, the general disregard of human rights, and the mass disappearance of political prisoners in many lands.

We have joined our voice in the struggle for justice in Bolivia, El Salvador, Uruguay, and Guatemala. We have advocated human rights in Nicaragua, Argentina, and Chile. And we have been elsewhere, too, in South Africa and Zimbabwe, in South Korea, the Philippines, and Taiwan. Wherever Christians have suffered fear or imprisonment for asserting the rights of people, we have joined with them in supporting the oppressed and in mustering world opinion against a tyranny that systematically deprives people of their God-given, inalienable rights. One Argentinian church leader recently commented, "The important thing is simply that you are here with us, expressing solidarity with the people in their suffering."

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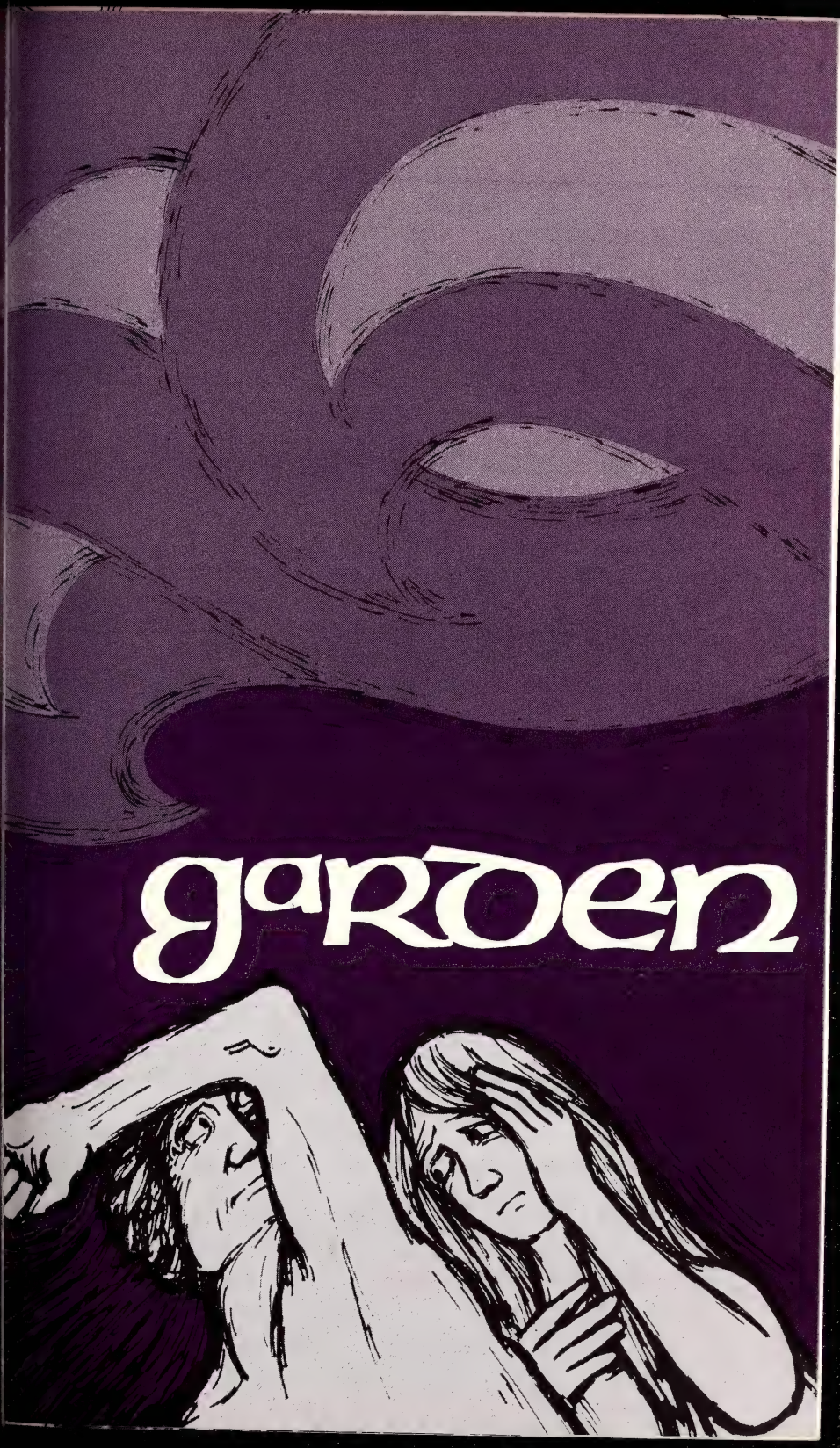
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March 8, 1981 First Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Suite for Organ Couperin

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Lord, As To Thy Dear Cross

UNISON PRAYER
God our Father, we have come once again to hear your correcting and strengthening Word. Let that Word speak to us in our worship and our service that we might be faithful to our calling to be your people. Amen.

*HYMN 346 "Come, Let Us Join With Faithful Souls"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 121

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 3:1-15

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem "The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee" Berger
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Welcome
Moment of Concern: OGHS Mr. Sam Foster
Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
Sermon Jesus said . . . to Nicodemus Dr. Hamilton

THE ACT OF DEDICATION
Offertory Adagio Marcello
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
* Benediction
* Congregational Response

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Mr. Raymond T. Kallop and Mr. and Mrs. William A. Beyer by Mr. and Mrs. William T. Beyer.

TODAY: 5:00 - Confirmation Class
7:00 - Women's Executive Board
7:00 - Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee
7:00 - Music Committee
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth

MONDAY: General Meeting of the Women's Fellowship, 7:30 p.m. The program on "Who is Jesus of Nazareth?" will be presented by Rev. Richard Rinker. Meet in the sanctuary.

TUESDAY: Men's Fellowship Dinner in the Parish House, 6:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish. Wives are to be guests, as are the church senior hi youth who will present the program.

WEDNESDAY: Lenten Studies in the Updyke Choral Center, 12:00 noon. This week's session will be led by Dr. Bill Sloan on "Jesus said . . . To The Samaritan Woman . . . About Life's Spiritual Possibilities."

Bible Study in the Gregory Library, 7:30 p.m. These topics relate to "Women Near the Cross."

The Bloodmobile will be in the Parish House from 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Your contribution of a pint of blood is needed urgently.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Mrs. Linda F. Bunting on March 3. Memorial Services were held here Thursday.

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 1981

GENESIS 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Gardens. One: Eden, vast oasis in the desert wild, where Man and Woman defy God: "Not your will but ours be done." Another garden: the oasis of Spirit in a wilderness of temptation where humankind gets a fresh start as Jesus, the "new Adam," defies the tester. Then, Gethsemane Garden where Jesus tells God, "Not my will but yours be done." After Eden, life bore a sense of exile from innocence and alienation from God. We stood outside an angel-barred gate. Since Jesus, fellowship with God is restored. Life is borne upward by the hope of a new Eden.

LENT IS A TIME FOR QUESTIONS

A friend of mine took his three-year-old granddaughter to a Roman Catholic church for the first time. As he carried her, the little girl brushed against the nail on a crucifix. Startled, she asked, "Why is there a nail in the man's feet?"

After her grandfather gave her a theological explanation, the little girl then asked, "But who nailed Jesus to the cross? Why did he let it happen? Did it hurt Jesus as much as it would hurt me? Will I have to suffer and die like that if I go to church?" Amazing questions for a three-year-old, but appropriate questions to ask during Lent.

What are the questions that you will ask during Lent this year? "What does it mean to suffer and to die? How is Christ's resurrection a victory over death? In what way does Christ's presence continue in the church? To what ministries is the church called today? How can I become a better disciple and servant of Jesus Christ in these ever-changing times?" These, too, are appropriate questions to ask during Lent.

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March 15, 1981 Second Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Thee We Adore Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee
UNISON PRAYER
Gracious God, We ask for the gifts of attentiveness to mystery, and openness to truth as we meet here this morning in the name and spirit of Christ. Amen
*HYMN 3 "God Himself is With Us"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 19

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 19:1-10

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem O Come and Mourn McGlohan
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Welcome
Moment of Concern: OGHS Mrs. W. T. Scott
Hymn 152 "We Would See Jesus" (st. 2-5)
Sermon Jesus said . . . to Zaccheus Dr. Hamilton
THE ACT OF DEDICATION
Offertory O World, I Now Must Leave Thee Brahms
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
* Benediction
* Congregational Response
* Postlude Choral Boellma

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TODAY: 5:00 - Confirmation Class
7:00 - Christian Education Committee
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth

CERAMICS CLASSES begin tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the Parish House. Mrs. Sara Dodson is the instructor.

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Updyke Choral Center. The program will be presented by Dr. Allen Brantley.

THE LENTEN STUDY this week will be led by Dr. J. Earl Danieley on the topic: "Jesus Said . . . To the Chief Priests . . . About Authority." Come about noon; bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

THE THRIFT SHOP will be open Saturday at 10:30 a.m. with Mrs. Clara Noah as attendant.

FAMILY NIGHT will be next Sunday evening at 6:00. Please bring a covered-dish. We will be recognizing new members received in 1979 and 1980. The program also will focus on the One Great Hour of Sharing.

THE PASTOR will be out-of-town from Monday until Thursday. In any emergency or need he may be reached by calling Mrs. Max Isley, secretary, or Mr. Thomas Smith, Moderator.

HOSPITALIZED: Miss Caroline E. Powell at Duke North.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 1981

GENESIS 12:1-7

There had been that Dawn when from chaos God had formed the cosmos. Then, out of clay God had shaped man and woman, earthlings infused with divine Spirit and gifted with divine image. Now God creates a people. Abram and Sarai are called from Chaldea to Canaan. They are promised heirs, land, and history. How answer a God who does that—sets you in a splendid universe and marks you with exalted identity? Sarai and Abram made the right response. You answer by building an altar where you pour out gratitude and offer your life to God.

TEMPLES STILL UNDONE

"We would be building: temples still undone . . ." These words from a hymn by Purd Deitz, a longtime administrator of church development for the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, point us to the continuing task for which the church was created: the building of human life and community as God would have it built.

Opportunities have never been greater than they are today for the church to seize the initiative and build. Communities are changing, some expanding, others declining. Where congregations of the United Church of Christ exist, new constituencies await the church's ministry. Other communities lack congregations in which U.C.C. members would feel at home. But how shall we respond to those opportunities?

The United Church of Christ is engaged now, and until 1983, in a major effort to respond. A new program entitled "New Initiatives in Church Development" has been begun. The cost of this program will be $8 million, with which the U.C.C. hopes to begin at least fifteen new congregations each year during the coming decade. It will also strengthen many existing congregations in their efforts to take new initiatives for ministry and mission in their own communities. Ministry and mission, life on earth as God would have it be—we would be building!

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March 22, 1981 Third Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Ah, Holy Jesus arr. Alec Wyton

CALL TO WORSHIP
Solo "Pie Jesu" from the Requiem Faure
Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano

UNISON PRAYER
God our Father, you are our refuge and strength forever. We come to you now grateful that you have already come to us in Christ Jesus. We rejoice in his saving power among us. Amen.

*HYMN 150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 53:1-6

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 16:13-20

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Solo The Legend Tchaikovsky
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Welcome
Moment of Concern: OGHS Alan Young
Hymn 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us . . ."
Sermon Jesus said . . . to Peter Dr. Hamilton

THE ACT OF DEDICATION
Offertory Wondrous Love arr. D. N. Johnson
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 348 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
* Benediction
* Congregational Response The Doxology
* Postlude Jesus, I Will Ponder Now Bach

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the guest register in the narthex. You are greeted at the door by Mr. Bill Blanchard and Mrs. Della Scott.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Wilkes E. Lowe, III by Mr. and Mrs. C. Dwight Wall.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome the return of Miss Nancy Thomas as guest organist. Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston is soloist and Alan Young shares the O. G. H. S. message.

TODAY: 2:30 - Tree Planting
5:00 - Confirmation Class
6:00 - Family Night
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the tree-planting this afternoon at 2:30 near the south parking lot. This Arbor Day Program is a project of the Elon College Garden Club.

FAMILY NIGHT is this evening at 6:00 in the Parish House. Please bring your favorite foods to share. The program will emphasize a welcome to new members and the One Great Hour of Sharing.

THE SPECIAL OFFERING for One Great Hour of Sharing will be received next Sunday. Please refer to the announcement board in the narthex.

THE LENTEN STUDY this week will be led by Dr. Alfred Hurst on the topic: "Jesus said . . . About Healing Power". Come about noon; bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

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ADVANCE DATES

April 5: Organ Dedicatory Recital
April 16: Maundy Thursday Service with Communion
April 19: Anniversary Service and Luncheon
April 26: New Member Sunday

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 1981

EXODUS 24:12-18

Wrote Byron: ". . . to me/High mountains are a feeling." Who is not uplifted by mountains—McKinley, Jungfrau, Aconcagua, Katmandu? Mountains stir awe, speak of stability, inspire reverence, give visible signs of an invisible Maker. A woman at Sychar reminded Jesus how Samaritans worshipped God on Mt. Gerizim. No wonder! And no wonder Sinai was holy to Israel, a place where Moses talked with God. But, holier than hills, loftier than the tallest summit, outlasting the granite peak, is the Creator whose glory we see in Christ Jesus.

WHEN DID WE SEE YOU?

"When did we see you . . .

HUNGRY?	One of the greatest food shortages in the world today exists among Ethiopian refugees in Somalia.
THIRSTY?	The boat people of Southeast Asia still often find themselves without drinking water in the middle of the sea.
A STRANGER?	Approximately 14 million people are refugees seeking homes in new and often strange lands.
NAKED?	Refugees from Afghanistan face the winter months in the mountains of Pakistan without sufficient clothing.
SICK?	The crowded conditions where refugees live, in Beirut and other cities of the Middle East, create medical problems for the people.
IN PRISON?	Former political prisoners from Argentina seek freedom in other countries.

As we join next Sunday in the One Great Hour of Sharing all-church offering, we are being faithful to Jesus Christ, who said, "Truly, as you do it to one of the least of these . . . you do it to me."

Jennifer Riggs

Associate Director, Refugee Resettlement,
Church in Society Department,
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Stacy Dean and Kristen Wilkins, Acolytes

March 29, 1981 Fourth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Let All Together Praise Our God Bach
Jesu, Priceless Treasure Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
UNISON PRAYER
O Lord of life, we pray for understanding minds that we may discern between good and evil. Then give us resolute wills that we may do the good. Amen.
*HYMN 328 "The Lord is Rich and Merciful

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 1

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 19:16-2

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Out of the Depths Hovhaness
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Welcome
Moment of Concern One Great Hour of Sharing
Hymn 318 "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ"
Sermon Jesus said . . . To the Rich, Young Rule

THE ACT OF DEDICATION
Offertory Adagio for Organ Barbe
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Ow
* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 202 "Jesus Shall Reign"
* Benediction
* Congregational Response The Doxolog
* Postlude To God We Render Thanks Bac

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Timblin.

TODAY: 5:00 - Confirmation Class
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth
7:00 - Worship Committee

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering is received today. Posters may be seen in the narthex and offering envelopes are placed at each pew. All funds received will be forwarded for human needs across the world.

THE WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDY this week will be led by Dr. William Andes on the topic: "Jesus said . . . to Pilate about Royalty and Truth". Come about noon; bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

BIBLE STUDY is Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Gregory Library.

THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION and recital for our Casavant Pipe Organ is next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The congregation and community are invited. The guest recitalist is Dr. Marilyn Keiser.

ON EASTER SUNDAY, April 19, we will also be celebrating our 90th Anniversary and Homecoming. Please sign the sheet in the narthex to place your luncheon reservations.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Gladys Vickers upon the death of her sister, Mrs. Robert A. Buchanan of Greensboro, on March 23.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

ADVANCE DATES

April 17: Good Friday Service with Communion
April 19: Anniversary Service and Luncheon
April 26: New Member Sunday
May 3: Elon College Alumni Weekend

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 29, 1981

2 SAMUEL 5:1-5

Most city people know little about shepherds. Except in such places as Montana and New Mexico, even rural folk are unfamiliar with sheep-keeping. In ancient Palestine, sheep were everywhere. People lived on them: milk and meat for food, skins and wool for clothes, hides for tents. Shepherds were important. Thus, King David was seen as a man called by God to be a shepherd of Israel. The hoped-for Messiah would "feed his flock like a shepherd." And finally, Jesus pictured God as a Good Shepherd who guards, feeds, and seeks us out in faithful love.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The familiar Twenty-third Psalm speaks of our being led —like thirsty sheep—"beside still waters . . . ." Jesus shifted the emphasis and commended the giving of a cup of water to the thirsty. Today, many Christian churches are receiving an offering for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) and thus are providing part of the Christian answer to Jesus' call.

What is accomplished through our gifts? In the northeast corner of Thailand, for instance, the women of ten villages had long been frustrated by the annual drought in their region—a drought which forced them to make a daily, twelve-mile trip to fetch water for their families. They brought their concern to Church World Service, through which much of our OGHS money is sent. The women were given tools and construction materials with which to dig wells on sites within their own villages. Then, last year, through their own hard work and with support from Church World Service, these women saw fresh-water wells become a reality.

This is only one small example of how, when you give to OGHS, you are helping to provide fresh water to the thirsty, thus serving both neighbor and God.

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Michael Payne, Guest Organist
Carter Gerlach and David Harper, Acolytes

April 5, 1981 Fifth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in e minor J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (From the Te Deum Laudamus)

Pastor: Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

People: Day by day we magnify thee; we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Introit "Ingemisco" from the Requiem Verdi
James Glenn, Tenor

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UNISON READING 124 Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15 p. 544

* Gloria Patri

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 12:35-38, 54-56

ANTHEM Psalm 84 Faure

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Prayer Hymn 376 "Lead Us, O Father"
Silent Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer

OFFERING OF SELF AND POSSESSIONS
Offertory Diapason Movement John Keeble

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Jesus Said . . . About Interpreting Signs

*HYMN 8 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response — The Doxology

Postlude — Rigadon — Andre Campra

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blanchard.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome today Mr. Michael Payne as guest organist, Charles Wilkins as anthem accompanist, and the return of Mr. James Glenn as soloist.

TODAY: 1:30 - Senior Hi Youth meet to attend a Youth Gathering at St. John's Church
3:00 - Organ Dedication and Recital
6:30 - Confirmation Class
7:30 - Board of Deacons

THE CASAVANT ORGAN will be dedicated to the Glory of God at our Dedicatory Service this afternoon at three o'clock. The guest recitalist is Dr. Marilyn Keiser of Asheville. You are also invited to attend the reception which will follow in McEwen Dining Hall.

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch".

THE WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDY this week will be led by the Rev. Irvin Milton on the topic: "Jesus said . . to the Templars". Come about noon; bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

BIBLE STUDY is Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Gregory Library.

ON EASTER SUNDAY, April 19, we will be celebrating our 90th Anniversary and Homecoming. Please sign the sheet in the narthex to place your luncheon reservations.

THANKS for your contributions of $1,016 to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Other gifts will still be received gratefully.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 5, 1981

EZEKIEL 37:11-14

Asked if he believed in God, an African said, "Often, at evening, there is a stirring in the leaves and I know that God passes by." He saw God present in what God brought about. So did Ezekiel. He lived in a desolate time of national exile. The popular byword was: "Our bones are dry, our thread of life has snapped." Ezekiel spoke for God a word of hope: "I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live." Is our nation a valley of dead dreams of unity, democracy, and decency? Can we Christians be people who are open to God's Spirit and alive with hope in God?

REFUGEES HELP *US*

One way for a congregation—large, middle-sized, or small—to help victims of disasters in our world today is to sponsor a refugee family. Over and over again churches that have sponsored refugee families have reported: "The refugees have done much more for us than we have done for them," or "Our church was renewed—revitalized," or "Every single leader of our church listed ESTABLISHING A REFUGEE FAMILY as the Number One program of the past five years!"

There is still a great need for sponsors. People continue to be uprooted in Southeast Asia. People from Cuba and Haiti search for freedom, new homes, new life. There are homeless people in Eastern Europe, in the Middle East, in Africa—some 16,000,000 refugees throughout the world. Many want to go home again—and, little by little, some can be repatriated. But many cannot go home again—ever—and need to be resettled.

The Twentieth Century is the Century of the Homeless! If each of our local churches would sponsor one family, what a difference it would make!

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April 12, 1981 Palm Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Deus Tuorum Militum Peeters

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
* Processional 155 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
* Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
God our Father, we pray for your guidance in the decisions we make this day. Enable us to choose wisely and to live courageously. Then may our work and worship be blessed. Amen.
* Choral Introit I Greet Thee, My Redeemer

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 50:4-7
Anthem Draw Nigh to Jerusalem Williams
New Testament Readings Matthew 21:1-11;John 6:61-71
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Adagio Mendelssohn
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
Sermon Jesus Asks, "Will You Go Away?"

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 175 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"
* Benediction

* Congregational Response The Doxology
* Postlude Sollt ich meinem Gott singen Karg-Elert

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. J. Mark McAdams and Dr. George Troxler.

THE ALTAR ARRANGEMENT OF PALMS is given to the Glory of God in memory of Reverend John R. Kittenger and Patricia Kittenger by the Family. Following the Service, the palm branches will be distributed in the narthex.

TODAY: 5:00 - Confirmation Class
6:00 - Senior Hi Youth
7:00 - Christian Education Committee
7:00 - Stewardship/Missionary Education Com.
7:00 - Music Committee

THE WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDY this week will be led by the Pastor on the topic of "The Seven Last Words". Come about noon; bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

BIBLE STUDY is Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Gregory Library.

A MAUNDY THURSDAY Choral Concert will be presented Thursday Evening at 8:30 in Whitley Auditorium.

A GOOD FRIDAY Service of Worship with Holy Communion will be held here on Friday evening at 7:30.

NEXT SUNDAY, Easter Morning, we also will be celebrating our 90th Anniversary with Homecoming. Following the service, a luncheon will be held at McEwen Dining Hall. Please make your reservation by signing the sheet in the narthex.

THE THRIFT SHOP will be open to the public Saturday morning at 10:30.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 1981

MATTHEW 21:1-11

A PALM SUNDAY QUESTION

"Who is this?" Every generation asks that question about Jesus. And for each generation, there is a different reply.

From one age to the next, people find in the Nazarene someone to answer their need and their hope.

Some in the Palm Sunday crowd at Jerusalem saw Jesus as a prophet in the tradition of Elijah, Amos, and Isaiah. Others hailed him as the long-awaited Messiah, soon to set Israel in power over the nations and establish at Jerusalem a reign of justice and peace. Later, persecuted Christians called Jesus the sacrificial Lamb of God. Today, Christians gripped by sin, pain, and death, see Jesus as risen Lord and Savior.

In this "Age of Anxiety," the poet W. H. Auden has portrayed Jesus as "the Truth" who can bring us back to a great and secure city where we have been expected for years. When Christendom had overblown the divinity of Jesus until he seemed remote, alien, and shadowy to people who struggled for humanity in an inhuman world, Christian scholar Hans Küng reminded us that Jesus is not a myth, but one whose history we can date—"a real human being."

This Jesus: who is he? A Master Teacher to whom you turn for light on the goal of your journey through a world that has lost its moorings? A Troubler of your peace who moves you to responsible action alongside the world's hurt, powerless, and oppressed peoples? One in whom you see clues that point to the reality, nature, and presence of God in modern life? For *you:* "Who is this?"

George S. Siudy, Jr.
Mendecino, California.

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HE LOVED THEM TO THE VERY END

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Elon College, N. C.
Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor

April 17, 1981 Good Friday 7:30 p.m.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."
(Ps. 139:23-25)

PRELUDE OF SACRED MUSIC

Adoro Te Devote — Peeters
Tantum Ergo Sacramentum — Peeters
(Denise Joines, Soprano)

THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy loving kindness.

People: According to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions.

Pastor: Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities and cleanse us from our sins.

People: For we acknowledge our transgressions and our sins are ever before us.

Pastor: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

People: Cast us not away from thy presence and take not thy holy spirit from us.

Pastor: Restore unto us the joy of thy salvation and uphold us with thy free spirit.

People: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart thou wilt not despise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all uniting)

READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 26:17-30
John 18:1-5
John 19:1-6, 17-22

A PRAYER

ANTHEM O Come and Mourn McGlohon

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation
The Words of Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
The Communion

(Participants may come forward individually for private communion served at the chancel steps. After communing, please return to a pew for private meditation until all have communed.)

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Jesus, you have died that we might live.

People: Humbly, we thank you.

Pastor: You have suffered that we might be forgiven.

People: Humbly, we thank you.

Pastor: You will rise again that we may have eternal life.

People: Humbly, we thank you.

Pastor: Make us strong in our faith and secure in our hope that we may die to rise again with you.

People: Humbly, we ask you. Amen.

YMN 273 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Alleluia
OCCASIONS JN 13:1

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April 19, 1981 Easter Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Fantasia in G Major J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL 182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT Rev. Updyke

Leader: The Day of Resurrection dawns again, renewing God's promise of the dawn of new life. Christ is risen!

People: God help us to rejoice and be glad, to feel again the reality and wonder of the resurrection. Christ is risen indeed!

Choir: Easter Morning Christiansen

OWNING THE COVENANT The Covenant of April 19, 1891 (see insert)

READING THE EASTER EVENT Matthew 27:57-61;28:1-10
John 20:1-9

ANTHEM Alleluia, Christ is Risen Englert

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

PERIOD OF ANNOUNCEMENTS
Children's Sermon

*HYMN 185 "Come, Ye Faithful" (st. 1,2)

THE EASTER OFFERING
Offertory "Alleluja" from Motet K. 165 Mozart
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)

SERMON NOW IS CHRIST RISEN Dr. Hamilton

THE CHURCH COVENANT
(as adopted by the church, April 19, 1891)

Thankful for God's everlasting mercy and for His great Gift of Salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord, we covenant and agree together to seek to know and to do His holy will and to promote, so far as in us lies, the triumph of our Saviour's Kingdom over a wicked world. Heartily believing that the Holy Scriptures were given by inspiration of God and that they are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and for instruction in righteousness; and also that Christian freedom requires that they be interpreted by individual judgment, we covenant together to accept the Bible as our supreme standard of faith and duty and to recognize as Christians and worthy of our fellowship all who devoutly love the Lord Jesus Christ and sustain a life of vital piety as taught in the Word of God. Anxiously desiring that all differences which separate Christ's people may be removed and that there may be one Flock and one Shepherd, we covenant together to lay aside all distinctive and party names and taking our title from the Great Head of the Church to be known simply and only as Christians.

Realizing that the success of each local church depends on the consecration of its individual membership, we covenant together to attend the services of the Church, to contribute according to our means for its support, to labor together to maintain its peace and harmony and so far as possible in every way to promote its temporal ane spiritual welfare; looking for our reward to the peace of God which passeth all understanding, and to the crown of rejoicing laid up for all who love Christ's appearing.

ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON
McEwen Dining Hall
April 19, 1981

Luncheon

Invocation	Dr. James Overton
Recognition of Guests	Mrs. T. H. Mackintosh
Recognition of Former Pastors	Mrs. H. H. Cunningham
A Special Recognition	Dr. J. Earl Danieley
Looking Toward Tomorrow	Mr. E. W. Brafford

Three On-Going Projects
- Pictorial Directory
- Parish House Renovation
- Anniversary Fund for Mission Development

Greetings from Dr. Clyde Fields,
Interim Conference Minister of The Southern Conference

Prayer and Benediction	Dr. Thomas R. Hamilton

*HYMN 192 "The Day of Resurrection"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response 193
"Thine Is The Glory" (st. 1)

*POSTLUDE Piece Heroique Franck

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Hazel Underwood Loy and Fred L. Loy, Sr. by Judy and Fred L. Loy, Jr.

OUR LITURGIST today is the Rev. Mr. Worden J. Updyke, Sr. Accompanists for the choral anthem are Charles Wilkins, Kristin Wilkins, and Cris Bragg.

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Updyke Choral Center with the program to be presented by Mr. John Walker.

THE DISTRICT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP holds its quarterly dinner meeting Thursday evening at 7:00 at Shallowford Church. Cars will leave our parking lot at 6:45. Please place your reservation today.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Southern Conference will be held Friday and Saturday at Virginia Beach. Mr. Louis Wilkins and the Pastor will be attending.

NEXT SUNDAY the Confirmation Class will be received as members of the church. Other adults who wish to unite with the congregation are asked to notify the Pastor by Wednesday.

THE CONGREGATION celebrates today its 90th Anniversary with Homecoming. It's a pleasure to welcome the return of many former members. A luncheon at McEwen Dining Hall follows our Service of Worship. Several additional reservations have been made for our guests.

EASTER

APRIL 19, 1981

ACTS 13:44-41

DOES EASTER MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Jesus lived an Easter life. His very presence, to say nothing of his words and deeds, brought hope to those around him. His resurrection, his returning to God, was not a single act but a lifetime of acts leading to the Eternal!

Easter is! Resurrection is a fact built into our very being. It is a power with us that defies death and hopelessness, and affirms that what is good will not ultimately be destroyed.

Easter can make a difference! Easter makes all the difference when I can behold the holy in me that cannot be contained. Then every day is filled with resurrection possibilities and Easter is always near!

When I am able to lay hold of this power built into my holy being, to see resurrection possibilities in all of life, then every Sunday is Easter Sunday from now on, and I *know* that what is good will not ultimately be destroyed. It will live again!

Bill Sprague
Department of Men's Work,
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

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UNLESS I SEE
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April 26, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Adagio for Organ Mendelssohn

CHORAL INTROIT Christ is the World's True Light Bach
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation
*HYMN 372 "How Firm A Foundation"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 15:1-7, 13

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING
Offertory Anthem All in the April Evening Roberton
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Accepting One Another Dr. Hamilton

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION
The Invitation
The Vows
* The Statement of Faith (all uniting)
The Sacrament of Baptism
Laying on of Hands
Reception of other New Members
* Congregation: Friends, we greet you with joy. We pledge to you our friendship in the Lord, and will give you our support in prayer and service that you may continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God and be witnesses of Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

E SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Invitation
Communion Collect Hymnal, p. 495
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
The Communion
Prayer of Thanksgiving Hymnal, p. 496
MN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

NEDICTION
Congregational Response God Be With You

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeter of the Day is Mr. Bill Blanchard.
E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Philip Mann in memory of her father, Mr. George D. Colclough, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Mann.
DAY: 6:00 - Senior Hi Youth
7:00 - Finance Committee
7:00 - Building Needs Committee
W MEMBERS are received into our church fellowship today. Members of the Confirmation Class are Cris Bragg, Chris Bunting, John Davis, Keith Fogleman, Carter Gerlach, David Harper, Brian Powell, Tom Powell, Trip Walker, and David Young. Other adults to be received are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poole, Jr., Mrs. Ann Reynolds, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sutton, Jr.
HER: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated next Sunday . . Alumni Weekend is May 1-3 . . The Men's Fellowship is sponsoring the "Church Clean-Up Day" Saturday morning, starting at 9:00 . . The congregation unites in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Simons upon the death of his sister, Miss Mary E. Simons of San Gabriel, CA, on April 21 . . Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

APRIL 26, 1981
JOHN 20:19-31

Psychologists say that what you expect influences what you see. That was suggested by Carlos Castenedas's story of Don Juan, the medicine man from southern Arizona, whose beliefs were so radically unlike ours that he inhabited "A Separate Reality." You can't get away from it: *believing is seeing.* That may be why Jesus told Thomas, "Do not be faithless, but believing." And why, once Thomas got his belief straight, he saw Jesus clearly.

A POWERFUL EXAMPLE IN JAPAN

Masuta Hirayama could earn a living for himself and for his wife, Miyoko, repairing audio-cassettes if he could find employment. Masuta and Miyoko are Christians, part of a tiny but important minority in Japan. They are also blind—Miyoko partially, Masuta completely!

Such a couple would be remarked upon anywhere, but in Japan, where, as in many cultures, the tendency has been to ignore physically-handicapped persons, Mr. and Mrs. Hirayama are a powerful example. Not only do they maintain themselves, but they are also trying to help other handicapped individuals to gain employment and a new sense of dignity. Masuta and Miyoko are active in the Japan Christian Council of the Blind, an organization which Tom Paton, a missionary of the United Church of Christ, helped bring about.

We in the United States also need to be reminded, as do the people of Japan, that the physically handicapped are not simply objects of our charity; they have a real contribution to make to our society.

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May 3, 1981 11:00 a.m.

Prelude Sonata in c minor Mendelssohn
Choral Introit Beautiful Savior
Call to Worship William G. Sharpe, IV

Pastor: Let us learn from the example of Jesus whose care and concern for others were founded on love for God.

People: We join together in thought, in word and song, to praise the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to worship him in spirit and truth.

Prayer of Invocation

PRAISE

*Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
*Affirmation of Faith The Statement of Faith
The Sacrament of Baptism
Hymn 277 "Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle"

MEDITATION

The Pastoral Prayer
Anthem How Excellent is Thy Name E. Butler
(Frank Gorham, Speaker)

SHARING

Announcements
Ritual of Friendship
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Anthem I Know That My Redeemer Lives J. C. Bach
*Doxology
Prayer of Consecration

HEARING

Scripture		Luke 24:13-35
Sermon	Now That's Incredible	Dr. Hamilton
Prayer		

DEDICATION

*Hymn 383		"Forward Through the Ages"
*Benediction		
*Choral Response		Amen
*Postlude	Phantasie in c minor	Liszt

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet returning alumni of Elon College and other visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. The Greeters of the Day are Dr. A. L. Hook and Dr. J. Earl Danieley.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome the members of the Elon College Choir and Director James Glenn and also our Liturgist of the Morning, the Rev. Mr. William G. Sharpe, IV, Campus Minister of Elon College.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Miss Lila Clare Newman by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Butler, Mary Ann, and Anita.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM is administered to Jennifer Elizabeth Poole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Poole, Jr. and to Brooke Amelia Thurlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Thurlow.

TODAY: 6:30 - Senior Hi Youth
7:30 - Board of Deacons

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch".

MEALS-ON-WHEELS are delivered this week by the committee from this congregation.

OUR SERVICES OF WORSHIP are broadcast over Radio Station WSOE, 89.3 on the FM dial.

REGISTRATION BROCHURES for summer camp at Johns River are available in the church office.

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 3, 1981
LUKE 24:13-35

What fueled the fire that warmed these villagers' hearts? They were *hearers* of the Word who took God's promises seriously. These were *hope-haunted* people. In disappointment, they were yet alive in expectancy and said, "We had hoped that he (Jesus) was the one." They were *hospitable.* As night fell, they invited the wayfarer to come in and eat bread, else Christ could have remained incognito. They were *hungry.* Walking arm-in-arm with the stranger, they hung avidly on his words, words which burst now into a flame of joyous recognition.

FACE-TO-FACE WITH CHRIST

Lacking sanitation facilities or drinking water, cooking over open fires, living in makeshift plastic and cardboard shelters, thousands of people eke out their lives from day to day. Their working conditions are an affront to human dignity. Where? In Africa? In Asia? In Latin America? Yes, surely, but also in the northern part of San Diego County, California, U.S.A.!

What to do about the thousands of undocumented aliens in our midst has become a highly emotional and controversial issue. Last year's "Neighbors in Need" offering of the United Church of Christ is being used, in part, to fund a study of immigration laws and to recommend reforms. Next month, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ will consider a Pronouncement on Immigration which, if adopted, will guide our reflection and our action as people of God.

On the Emmaus road, the risen Christ spoke to two of the poor and scattered disciples. Though the disciples did not at first recognize him, their "hearts burned within them" as they felt his spirit warm them. Today, we meet travelers on another road, a road that leads from small villages in Mexico, to Texas, to New Mexico and Arizona, to California, and throughout the land. Shouldn't our "hearts burn within us" as we realize that we are face-to-face with Christ—Christ in the poor, the undocumented, the immigrant travelers that we meet?

Olgha Sierra-Sandman
Downers Grove, Illinois.

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Beecher Hall at Illinois College

"Believing that evangelical religion and education must go hand in hand, we hereby express our readiness to go to the state of Illinois for the purpose of establishing a seminary of learning such as shall be best adapted to the exigencies of that country—a part of us to engage as instructors, the others to occupy—as preachers—stations in the surrounding country, provided the Providence of God permit us to engage in it."

In 1829 seven young theological students at Yale signed this compact and thus began their journey into the American wilderness, a journey which led to the founding of churches and of a college—Illinois College in Jacksonville, the first institution to grant baccalaureate degrees in Illinois. The first president of the college was Edward Beecher, son of Lyman Beecher and brother of Harriet Beecher Stowe and Henry Ward Beecher. Today Beecher Hall, named in honor of Edward Beecher, stands on the campus of Illinois College as the oldest collegiate building in that state.

Similar stories of conviction and vision can be told about colleges founded by the German Reformed Church, the Christian Churches, and the Evangelical Synod of North America as well as about other colleges which, like Illinois College, were founded by Congregationalists... among them, colleges which opened their doors equally to women, colleges which became centers in the struggle to abolish slavery, colleges which served the needs of freed slaves and provided educational opportunity for immigrants, colleges which bridged faith and learning in response to the challenge of a developing American society.

And the story of conviction and vision does not end. Today thirty liberal arts colleges throughout the United States are related to the United Church of Christ in a partnership which has been renewed and deepened in recent dialogues, both regional and national, involving hundreds of representatives of the colleges and the United Church of Christ.

Although the wilderness has long been tamed, these thirty colleges yet seek to bridge faith and learning in an era of challenges and frontiers unknown in 19th century America and yet seek to enlighten the wilderness of the human mind, heart, and spirit.

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Northfield, Minnesota 55057
CATAWBA COLLEGE
Salisbury, North Carolina 28144
CEDAR CREST COLLEGE
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18104
DEFIANCE COLLEGE, THE
Defiance, Ohio 43512
DILLARD UNIVERSITY
New Orleans, Louisiana 70122
DOANE COLLEGE
Crete, Nebraska 68333
DRURY COLLEGE
Springfield, Missouri 65802
ELMHURST COLLEGE
Elmhurst, Illinois 60126
ELON COLLEGE
Elon College, North Carolina 27244
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Nashville, Tennessee 37203
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RIPON COLLEGE
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URSINUS COLLEGE
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Information about any or all of these colleges may be secured by writing the Director of Admissions at the college address given, or by contacting the Council for Higher Education at the United Church of Christ (address below). Many of these colleges offer special financial assistance for members of the United Church of Christ and/or dependants of the clergy. Some offer matching grants with UCC congregations.

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*Closely related seminaries

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May 10, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRAISE

Prelude	If Thou But Suffer God to Guide	Bach
Choral Introit	Jesus With Thy Church Abide	
Call to Worship		Greg Price
Prayer of Invocation		Chris Vickers
*Hymn 8	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	
*Affirmation of Faith	The Statement of Faith	
Choral Duet	Walt Denny and Jerry Johnson	

MEDITATION

The Pastoral Prayer	
Choral Duet	Walt Denny and Jerry Johnson

SHARING

Announcements		
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	Im Herbst	Andersen
(Charles Wilkins, piano; Alan Young, saxaphone)		
*Doxology		
*Prayer of Consecration		

HEARING

Scripture	John 10:1-10	Jeff Price
Sermon	True and False Faiths	Dr. Hamilton
Prayer		

DEDICATION

*Hymn 341	"Dear Lord and Father"
*Benediction	

*Choral Response
*Postlude Improvisation on Ton-y-botel

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Howard Loy and Mr. Ralph Oxford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Gilliam, Sr. by the Family.

WE ARE PLEASED today to recognize and salute our church young people. In addition to those listed, several are serving as ushers. They are: Bert Barbee, Mike Fogleman, Dan Hamilton, Jeff Jones, and Andre Wilkins. Thanks also to Walt Denny, an Area Coordinator at Elon College and missionary-appointee to Japan, and to Jerry Johnson, a student at Appalachian, for the ministry of music. The Service has been planned by our Senior Hi Youth and Ms. Jill Bennett.

THE PASTOR will be out of town until Wednesday to attend the annual Ministers' Conference at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Tuesday evening at 7:30 for a dessert night. The guest speaker will be Dr. Richard Henderson.

THE THRIFT SHOP will be open to the public Saturday morning at 10:30 with Mrs. Lou Harper and Mrs. Annie Ruth Parker as attendants.

CONGRATULATIONS to Julia Sharpe and Jeffrey Mackenzie whose Service of Marriage was celebrated yesterday.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Dollar upon the death of his father, Mr. Calvin Dollar of Lanette, Ala., on May 4.

NEXT SUNDAY we will honor graduating high school seniors and also the teachers of our Church School.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 10, 1981
JOHN 10:1-10

What abundant life does Jesus promise? Life abundant in spirit only: inner peace, forgiveness, love? To focus concern on these can aid the thieves Jesus warns against. "Religion must not meddle," robbers may protest when Christian men and women struggle to protect consumers, win justice for the poor, assure the rights of women and ethnic minorities, obtain honesty in marketplace and government hall. If we are intimidated, we and our neighbors will go on being robbed. Jesus promises *whole-life* abundance and calls us to help make that promise good.

CHRISTIANS AND THE FAMILY

What makes a family? The family is a unit of individuals—intimate individuals in a variety of groupings and roles—in which we can be most aware of each other as persons and in which we genuinely care about each other, about what each does and is. If we didn't care so deeply, there wouldn't be the conflicts and crises that come with feeling passionately.

A family is a unit in which there is real fidelity to the growth and emerging personhood of each individual and in which the group is willing to sacrifice for that emerging selfhood. A family is a center for communication. Inside the talk, the gestures, the body language, the facial expressions worn so often only at home, are feelings that are more important than what the spouse, parent, or child can articulate.

The family can be a mini-"koinonia" group—a Christian fellowship center—a courageous group adjusting, moving on, discovering, staying close and remembering, a group in which we can present, act out, and be faithful to the values, convictions, and hopes that faith can bring to human life.

On this Sunday, the "Festival of the Christian Home," let us pledge to be open to God's touch in our lives as families.

Barbara Greer

Associate Minister for Leadership and Program,
Missouri Conference, United Church of Christ,
Washington, Missouri.

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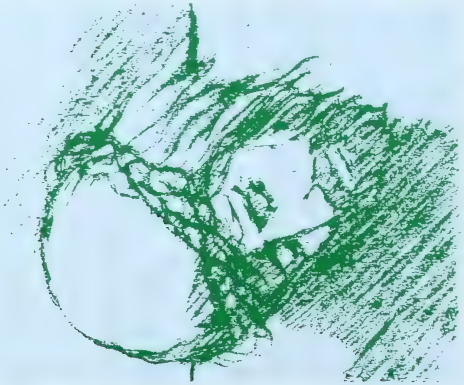

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May 17, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRAISE

Prelude	Gloria	Kinderman
Choral Introit	O Holy Spirit, Enter In	
Call to Worship		
Prayer of Invocation		
*Hymn 441	"Once to Every Man and Nation"	
*Affirmation of Faith	The Statement of Faith	

MEDITATION

The Pastoral Prayer		
Anthem	By the Waters of Babylon (Denise Joines, Soprano)	Youn

SHARING

Announcements		
Recognition of High School Graduates		
Recognition of Church School Teachers		
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	Chorus Novae Jerusalem	Peeter
*Doxology		
*Prayer of Consecration		

HEARING

Scripture		John 14:1-12
Sermon	That's What It's All About	Dr. Hamilton
Prayer		

DEDICATION

*Hymn 202	"Jesus Shall Reign"
*Benediction	

horal Response Threefold Amen
ostlude Allegro Maestoso Mendelssohn

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Virginia Richardson and Mr. Thomas Smith.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clem in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McConkey and Rev. and Mrs. H. Russell Clem.

E ARE PLEASED to recognize and congratulate our members who will be graduated from area high schools. They are: Melanie Artley, Luci Atkinson, Mark Ellis, Amy Goude, Greg Price, Jeff Price, and Chris Vickers. Also to be recognized this morning, with our appreciation, are the teachers and officers of the Church School.

COFFEE HOUR follows our Service this morning. The reception honors Jill Bennett who for the past two years has been our Intern in Youth Ministry. Jill will become Associate Director of the Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds and at the same time will continue her education at Appalachian.

ODAY: 7:00 - Senior Hi Youth
7:00 - Christian Education Committee

HE STEWARDSHIP-MISSIONARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Gregory Library.

HE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 9:45 for a tour of the Elon Home for Children and the rose garden. Upon return they will leave again for a dutch lunch.

HE CONGREGATION is invited to attend the College-Community Service of Worship honoring the 1981 graduates and their families. The Service will be held here Saturday afternoon, May 23, at four o'clock.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 17, 1981

JOHN 14:1-12

"I am the way." This saying of Jesus really gets turned upside down! Jesus is telling us that "God's house" has *many* rooms. In similar vein, he once talked about a Heavenly Banquet to which the Host will extend a warm welcome to people of every surprising sort! Yet here Jesus tells us, "I am the way," and we can get so stuck on what we imagine is the narrow exclusivism of the Christian faith that we overlook what Jesus had just finished saying—that he is the way to God's greater multiple dwelling where there is room for all and where whoever will can enter in and find a home.

"A GIVING CHURCH WILL LIVE"

Just two years ago, the congregation at Maun, a small town in Botswana, Southern Africa, was dying out. It lacked a vision of what it could become. Then came a new pastor, the Reverend Peter Mudiwa, a refugee from Zimbabwe.

Jack and Chris Purves, missionaries of the United Church Board for World Ministries who are working in the Maun Secondary School, report that in the midst of a depressed economy, Rev. Mudiwa has led that congregation in raising a thank offering of about $600 (U.S.). The money has been used to assume responsibility for local church finances, to build a house for a woman who was living in cardboard boxes, and to distribute blankets and clothing to needy people. In addition, the Maun United Congregational Church is now helping to support another congregation that is located in Shakawe, some 200 kilometers to the north.

The theme of this congregation's revival was simple and is readily translatable to other congregations—perhaps even to your own: "A taking church will die; a giving church will live!"

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A College - Community Service of Worship

May 23, 1981

4:00 p.m.

Elon College Community Church

Elon College, North Carolina

THE PRELUDE: Fantasia in G Major . . . . . J.S. Ba

*THE HYMN:
"God of Our Fathers Whose Almighty Hand" . . . . . George W. Warr

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence.
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine;
And all glory, laud, and praise be ever thine. Amen

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . William G. Shar

*THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSIVE READING . . . . . William G. Shar

Leader: It is a special moment to which we have come. It is as if every moment were leading to the experience of this moment.

People: It is a happy moment, in the presence of God, directing us into ever-enriching and ever-enlarging moments of meaning.

Leader: Behind us lie mistakes and failures;

People: May they be stepping-stones for our maturity.

Leader: Behind us are some successes;

People: May they give us confidence and courage.

Leader: Before us lies an unknown day;

People: May God's grace and guidance support us.
We ask for wisdom to distinguish right from wrong;
We ask for the betterment of humankind;
We ask for courage and faith.

Leader: What we ask for ourselves may we ask for all.

People: May talents be developed fully and knowledge
used completely.
May impossible tasks be undertaken and completed.
May humankind be served gladly.
May the highest ambitions be realized.

Leader: May the love of God be known by us.

People: May He love us, and hold us, and keep us.

Unison: So may it be for each and for all.

THE SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 10:24-37 . . . . . E. Vennecia Bynum

THE PASTORAL PRAYER . . . . . Thomas R. Hamilton

THE SOLO: "Calmly Abide" . . . . . J.S. Bach
James H. Glenn, Soloist

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MINISTER . . . . . J. Fred Young

THE SERMON: "Inquiring Minds - Compassionate Hearts"
. . . . . Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Sr.

*THE HYMN: "God the Omnipotent" . . . . . Alexix F. Lvov

God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest
Thunder thy clarion, the lightning thy sword,
Show forth thy pity on high where thou reignest;
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the All merciful! earth hath forsaken
Thy ways all holy, and slighted thy word;
Bid not thy wrath in its terrors awaken:
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the all righteous One! man hath defied thee;
Yet to eternity standeth thy word;
Falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside thee;
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the All provident! earth by thy chastening
Yet shall to freedom and truth be restored:
Through the thick darkness thy kingdom is hastening;
Thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord. Amen.

*THE BENEDICTION . . . . . Thomas R. Hamilton

THE POSTLUDE: Choral For Organ . . . . . Boellmann

*Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of the graduates and their families by Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Alexander.

Deacons of the Elon College Community Church are serving as ushers.

LEADERS OF WORSHIP

Mary Alice Bragg . . . . . Director of Music
Elon College Community Church

E. Vennecia Bynum . . . . . Senior Pre-medical Student
Elon College

Clyde L. Fields, Sr. . . . . Interim Conference Minister
Southern Conference of the
United Church of Christ

James H. Glenn . . . . . Assistant Professor In Music
Elon College

Thomas R. Hamilton . . . . . Pastor
Elon College Community Church

William G. Sharpe . . . . . Chaplain
Elon College

J. Fred Young . . . . . President
Elon College

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A reception honoring graduating seniors and their families will be held on the second floor of McEwen Dining Hall immediately following this service.

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Commencement Exercises will be held on May 24, at 10:30 a.m. in the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on the campus of Elon College.

THOSE WHO
WERE SCATTERED
WENT ABOUT
PREACHING
THE WORD

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

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Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music
Trip Walker and Carter Gerlach, Acolytes

May 24, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRAISE

Prelude Canzona in d minor Bach
Choral Introit O God of Love, O King of Peace
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
God our Father: all that is true, all that is noble, all that is just and pure, all that is lovable and gracious, whatever is excellent and admirable - fill our thoughts with these things. Then our worship will be in spirit and truth. Amen.
*Hymn 238 "Come, Gracious Spirit"

MEDITATION

The Pastoral Prayer
Anthem Who Shall Ascend the Hill of the Lord Mueller

SHARING

Announcements
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Litanie Dupre
*Doxology
*Prayer of Consecration

HEARING

Scripture I John 4:1-12
Sermon Testing the Spirits Dr. Hamilton
Prayer

DEDICATION

ymn 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

enediction

ostlude Chorale in G Major Pachelbel

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Gladys Hughes and Mr. Earl Vickers.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of the 1981 high school and college graduates by the J. Wesley Alexander Family.

OMMENCEMENT EXERCISES for Elon College are held this morning at 10:30 in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

ODAY: 6:00 - Church Family Softball at College Field.

FFERING ENVELOPES are available in the narthex for New Initiatives for Church Development. Our Anniversary Committee has suggested that each member be challenged to give $10 per year for this goal. The first receipts will be used to repay our grant-mortgage of $7,500. Remaining funds will be designated for benevolent giving for church development.

EGISTRATION FORMS and brochures for summer camp are available in the secretary's office.

AMILIES are asked to provide for "The Torch" information on graduations and other seasonal honors.

EMBERS of the congregation whose rose gardens will be open to the public at one o'clock this afternoon are Dr. J. Earl Danieley, Mrs. Hilda Hughes, and Mrs. Annabell Powell.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 24, 1981

ACTS 8:4-8, 14-17

Get the picture? You are part of a new movement of the spirit. You run, immediately, into a storm of opposition. A young member of the movement is murdered. Others of your group are dragged out and thrown into jail. You have to get out of the town where the trouble centers. What do you do? Hide? Be quiet for a while? Not the people Luke writes about in *Acts!* With rare boldness, they stood up and spoke out for the gospel. And that made their testimony convincing. Where is authentic Christian faith "under the gun" today? How can we stand up and speak out for the gospel?

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

We can sense the presence of the Spirit strengthening God's people in many different ways. Certainly one way is through the training of persons who will take roles of leadership in the church. Church leadership is developed through programs of education—programs which teach that truth can never be separated from issues of justice and peace and of commitment to these values.

One ecumenically-shared approach to leadership training so badly needed by overseas churches is our support of scholarship aid for potential church leaders. This aid enables these potential leaders to enroll in advanced study courses in the United States and Europe. A corps of such leaders is being prepared at this moment as a result of such aid—a young man from Zaire who is studying Christian education, another enrolled in a doctoral program in theology, a Japanese woman studying pastoral counseling, young women seminarians from Korea, a youth director from Ghana, a pastor from Taiwan.

As our own churches help in the growth of such future leaders for service in partner churches in other countries, we are exhibiting faithfulness to God's concern for all persons.

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HE TIME HAS COME FOR
JUDGMENT

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May 31, 1981 11:00 a.m

PRAISE

Prelude Theme and Variations Walthe
Choral Introit Blessed Jesus, at thy Wor
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting

God our Father, we have come once again to hear your correcting and strengthening Word. Let that Word speak to us in our worship and our service that we might be faithful to our calling as your people. Amen.

*Hymn 6 "O Worship the King"

MEDITATION

The Pastoral Prayer
Anthem Hear Us As We Pray Morga

SHARING

Announcements
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Christe, du Lamm Gottes Karg-Eler
*The Doxology
*Prayer of Consecration

HEARING

Scripture Acts 1:1-1
Sermon You're On Your Own Dr. Hamilto

DEDICATION

*Hymn 195 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*Benediction

*Postlude Fugue in a minor J.S. Bach

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Walter L. Smith by the Family.

TODAY: 4:00 Executive Board, Women's Fellowship
6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field

OFFERING ENVELOPES for the New Initiatives in Church Development are available in the narthex.

THE MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET will be held as a covered dish dinner on June 3 at 6:30 in the Parish House.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held here the mornings of June 22-26 for children who presently are age 4 through grade 6. Directors are Andrea Albertson, Lou Harper, and Barbara Oxford.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian sympathy to the Family upon the death of Mr. Keith B. Dean on May 25.

PERSONS who are interested in church membership at this time are asked to meet with the Pastor in the Gregory Library next Sunday morning at 10:00.

THE ANNUAL SERVICE of the Magnolia Memorial Association will be held here next Sunday afternoon at 4:00.

REGISTRATION FORMS for summer camp at Johns River are available in the secretary's office.

OUR SERVICES OF WORSHIP are broadcast over Radio Station WSOE, 89.3 on the FM dial.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 31, 1981

1 PETER 4:12-19

ASCENSION, 1981

We need to reinterpret the Ascension for an age whose mindset has been radically reshaped by new perceptions. We no longer march in procession out to a hilltop to celebrate Jesus' Ascension, as was once done in Constantinople, or hoist a figure of Jesus through an opening in the roof, as was done in the Middle Ages. In this age of space exploration and travel, the term *up* has lost much of its meaning and often has been replaced by the phrase *out beyond.*

Yet the essential meaning of the Ascension of Jesus remains the same, whether we think of God's presence as "up," or "out," or "here, there, and everywhere." The Ascension points to the exalted Christ who reigns with the authority of the ultimate Power in the universe.

In a life grown complex, our vision of the cosmos incredibly intricate, our sense of space as having no limit, we face the threat of being swallowed in a void. Christ, ascended—here, there, everywhere—is one who keeps us, with unobstructed vision, always in sight and loving care.

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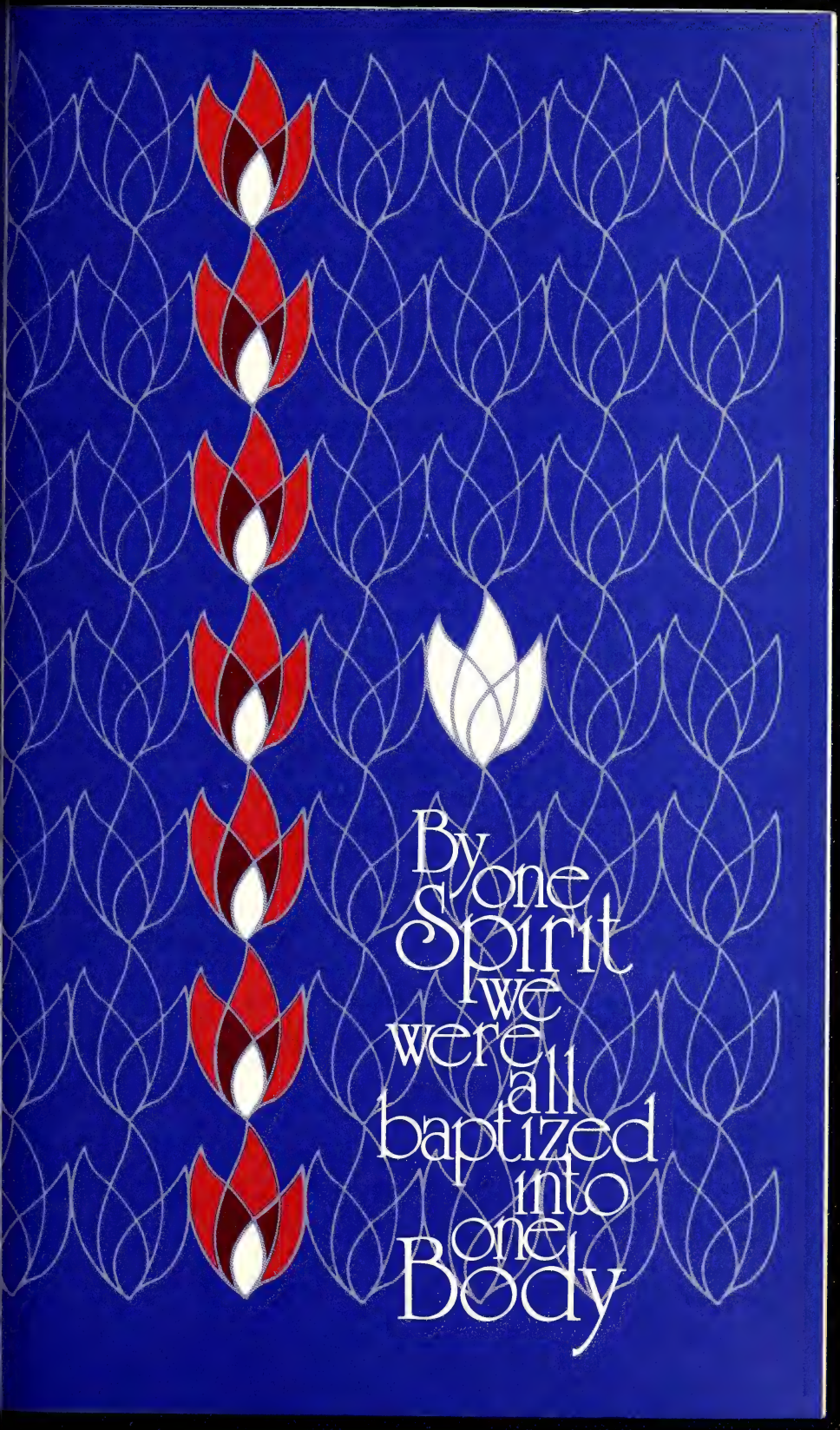
By one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body

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June 7, 1981 Pentecost 11:00 a.m.

PRAISE

Prelude Liebster Jesu J. S. Bach
Choral Introit Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)

God our Father, we pray for your holy, universal Church as it endeavors to send forth the light and truth of your Spirit.

Where it is corrupt, purify it;
Where it is in error, correct it;
Where it is amiss, reform it;
Where it is right, establish it;
Where it is divided, unite it;

In the name of Jesus. Amen

*Hymn 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"
A Responsive Statement of Faith "The Te Deum" p. 549

MEDITATION

The Pastoral Prayer
Anthem My Song Forever Shall Record Praetorius

SHARING

Announcements
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Thanks Be To Thee Handel
*The Doxology
*Prayer of Consecration

HEARING

New Testament Readings John 14:15-26; Acts 2:1-4
Sermon The Birthday of the Church Dr. Hamilton
*Hymn 232 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"
*Benediction
*Congregational Response God Be With You
*Postlude Carillon Young

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Douglas Shutt whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

TODAY: 4:00 - Magnolia Memorial Association
5:00 - Church Family Softball at College Field
7:30 - Board of Deacons

THE MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET will be held tomorrow evening at 6:30 in the Parish House. Mrs. Josie Huey will lead the program on "Women of the Bible."

OFFERING ENVELOPES for the New Initiatives in Church Development are available in the narthex. Our goal is based on a recommended ten dollars per member to aid in the establishment of new congregations.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held here the mornings of June 22-26 for children who presently are age 4 through grade 6.

REGISTRATION FORMS for summer camp at Johns River are available in the secretary's office.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell, III upon the death of her father, Mr. C. Robert Yager of Attleboro, Massachusetts on June 5.

PENTECOST

JUNE 7, 1981
I CORINTHIANS 12:4-13

Not everybody in the church needs the same counsel. People whose religion is dull habit—perfunctory, sporadic, skin-deep—need enthusiasm like the Spirit generated at Pentecost. But such enthusiasm can be a problem. You can boast, "I've found it!" Yet, in "finding it," you can lose community with people in whom the Spirit works in a different way. As the apostle Paul's word to Corinth makes clear, a *true* faith will join us together into a community, a community that is vital, ruled by Christ's spirit, and united in doing Christ's work throughout the earth.

THE PENTECOST PARTY

The respectably religious people of Jerusalem, for the most part, misread the Pentecost experience. The loud talking, senseless jabbering, and people embracing and dancing in the streets took on the appearance of a party gotten out of hand.

The respectably religious thought this celebrative atmosphere inappropriate for a religious experience. They resented the inclusion of foreigners. They didn't dream that the gift of the Spirit could come to those who had not earned the right by keeping the Law.

Yet, it was precisely in their objections that the truth of Pentecost was to be discovered. Surprise! The atmosphere of Pentecost was that of joy and celebration. It was a party! Surprise! Foreigners were welcome. The party was for all. Surprise! The invitation did not depend on one's worth. It was a gift of God's grace. There is a sense in which Pentecost was a party, a party hosted by a gracious God, who says to all the world, "Be my guest!"

P. C. Enniss
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.

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MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

June 7, 1981

4:00 p.m.

Elon College Community Church
Elon College, North Carolina

For all the saints
  who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith
  before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus,
  be forever blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude	
Hymn 228	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Memoirs	Rev. Thomas R. Hamilton
Prayer	
New Testament Reading	
Meditation	Rev. Bruce O. Martin
Hymn 84	"The Lord's My Shepherd"
Benediction	

Mary Alice Bragg, Organist

BUSINESS SESSION

Election of Officers
Other

OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 1981-82

President	E. S. Lankford
Vice President	Miss Nannie D. Reitzel
Secretary	Mrs. Reggie McLelland
Treasurer	Mr. W. E. Lowe, Jr.

IN MEMORY OF

Mrs. Oma Utley Johnson	August 6, 1980
Mrs. Ruth Wicker Rogers	October 16, 1980
Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker Ward	January 7, 1981
Edward J. Young	January 19, 1981
Harvey D. Riggleman	February 26, 1981
Mrs. A. Brown Fogleman	March 10, 1981
John Layman Crumpton	March 12, 1981
Woodrow Stewart Blue	March 14, 1981

MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

June 1, 1980 - May 31, 1981

Checking Account:		
Starting Balance		$2,205.33
Dues Received		497.00
Sub Total		$2,702.33
Disbursements:		
Postage	$25.90	
Secretarial Service	11.44	
Programs	15.00	
Land Appraisal	50.00	
		102.34
Total		$2,599.99
Savings Account:		$5,165.26
Interest		292.03
Total		$5,457.29
Grand Total		$8,057.28

THE GOD OF LOVE AND PEACE WILL BE WITH YOU

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June 14, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRAISE

Prelude Bachiana G. Young
Choral Introit O Holy Spirit, Enter In
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)

O Lord of our life, we would know you better that we might love you more. Make us hungry for your spirit and power. May your grace be upon us that your will may be lived through us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

*Hymn 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"
A Statement of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" p. 511

MEDITATION

The Pastoral Prayer
Anthem Prayer of St. Chrysostom Butler

SHARING

Announcements
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory A Simple Song L. Bernstein
(David Vaughan, Tenor)
*The Doxology
*Prayer of Consecration

HEARING

New Testament Matthew 28:16-20; II Corinthians 13
Sermon Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Dr. Hamilton

DEDICATION

*Hymn 344 "Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us"
*Benediction
*Choral Response Threefold Amen
*Postlude Postludium G. Young

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. John G. Truitt by The Family.

TODAY: 4-6: Reception at Town Hall
6:00: Church Family Softball at College Field
7:00: Christian Education Committee

THE REV. AND MRS. T. H. MACKINTOSH will be honored at the reception at Town Hall this afternoon at four o'clock. By resolution, June 14 has been declared "T. H. and Mary Graham Mackintosh Day". You are invited to attend.

THE SUMMER CONFERENCE of Church Women of the Southern Conference meets here tomorrow through Wednesday.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held here the mornings of June 22-26 for children who presently are age 4 through grade 6.

THE THRIFT SHOP will be open to the public Saturday morning at 10:30 in the Parish House.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ronald C. Belvin and Tanya A. Sparks whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here last evening.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. David Denny and Grandmother Gertrude Barney upon the birth of a son on June 11 in Greensboro.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 14, 1981

2 CORINTHIANS 13:5-13

How comfortable it is to be assured easy peace and cheap grace. "Only believe," we like to hear, "and your world will be rosy." But that perverts God's promise. God never promised instant rose gardens. Roses take time—and there are thorns. The apostle Paul's benediction refutes our unrealism. God does offer love and peace, but with preconditions. "Mend your ways," writes Paul, *then* "the God of love and peace will be with you." Loving others will open our heart to the divine love. As we make peace with others, we will come to know the God of peace.

JESUS LOVES ME . . .

A working group on evangelism, one related to the National Council of Churches, recently reported that Protestants in the U.S. are concerned about both doing and speaking the Word. The members of the group set before themselves the task of finding a way to speak the Word faithfully to all sorts of people, even if that means taking the risk of being misunderstood or rejected.

When the late Karl Barth was asked by a group of college students to summarize his theological message in a single sentence, he replied, "It's all wrapped up in the little Sunday School song, 'Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.' "

When your congregation seeks new members, does it make clear that this is the essential message that it has to share: the biblical Good News that still holds the power to make life new?

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u Shall Teach Them To Your Children

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June 21, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRAISE

Prelude Morning Hymn Peeters
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may worthily magnify your holy name. Amen.

*Hymn 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
A Statement of Faith "The Ten Commandments" p. 513
Dedication of Hymnals (insert)

MEDITATION

The Pastoral Prayer
Anthem Open Our Eyes MacFarlane

SHARING

Announcements
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Chacone Pachelbel
*The Doxology
*Prayer of Consecration

HEARING

Scripture Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Matthew 7:21-29
Sermon "10" Disciples Dr. Hamilton

DEDICATION OF HYMNALS

Preface to The Hymnal

The Act of Dedication

Pastor: To you, O God, as an act of worship and praise,

People: We dedicate these hymnals.

Pastor: For the cultivation of a true appreciation of the noble music and great hymns of the Church,

People: We dedicate these hymnals.

Pastor: For the ministry of music to comfort and inspire the sorrowing and faint-hearted,

People: We dedicate these hymnals.

Pastor: For the ministry of music in the high and glad hours of experience and life, in the gladness of Christmas and triumph of Easter,

People: We dedicate these hymnals.

Pastor: As a herald of the gospel of peace and goodwill to all,

People: We dedicate these hymnals.

Pastor: To the Glory of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

People: We dedicate these hymnals.

The Prayer of Dedication

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To honor their parents on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Dopp and Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Richardson, Jr. have chosen to present these hymnals in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Howard R. Richardson, Sr.

DEDICATION

Hymn 414 "In Christ There is No East or West"
Benediction
Choral Response Threefold Amen
Postlude Postlude in c minor Bach

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Caddell by The Family.

TODAY: 6:00 - Church Family Softball at College Field.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held each morning this week from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Youth who will be in kindergarten through grade 7 the next school year are encouraged to attend.

THANKS to all the persons who assisted in hosting the Women's Summer Conference this past week. Over 200 ladies of the Southern Conference were in attendance.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. and Mrs. Howard Richardson who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 6.

CONGRATULATIONS to Loftin Long, Jr. and Catherine Ann Holland whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Captain and Mrs. David McLelland upon the death of her mother, Christine Tysor Blaylock of Greensboro on June 12.

THE PASTOR will leave tomorrow to attend the 13th General Synod in Rochester, NY. For needed pastoral services, please contact Mrs. Lucy Isley or Moderator T. L. Smith. Next Sunday our Service of Worship will be led by Dr. William Andes.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for July-August are available in the narthex.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 21, 1981

DEUTERONOMY 11:18-21

Every child who comes into the world begins anew the religious quest. There is a search for understanding. "What is the meaning . . .?" we are asked, and we try intelligently to reply. There is a need for moral guidance and, with word and act, we must respond with the best we know. There is a hunger for security. A lad in the musical, *Oliver*, puts it poignantly in the song, "Where is love?" That hunger asks to be fed with steady affection. To answer fully our children's need and quest requires that we adults point to God, Source of all truth and right and love.

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

Confirming Our Faith is a new resource prepared by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and just published by United Church Press. This 256-page workbook and the accompanying Leader's Guide are the result of a major, decade-long effort to develop materials particularly suited to prepare young people for membership in the United Church of Christ.

Seven units include material on: Let's Explore Together; The Bible, Witness to the Word; Who is Jesus Christ?; No Other Gods; The Church, The Body of Christ; The Church in Mission; and Faith Decisions.

"Confirming faith," this resource points out, "is like moving off on a journey of discovery into new territory . . . venturing into new and unexpected places, meeting new ideas and people, and developing new relationships . . . ."

Confirming Our Faith promises to become a classic source of enrichment for a generation of members of the United Church of Christ.

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GOD'S GOING FORTH IS AS SURE AS THE DAWN

SUNDAY

MONDAY

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SATURDAY

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June 28, 1981 11:00 a.

PRAISE

Prelude Chorale Prelude on "Old Hundredth" Walth
Choral Introit Draw Thou My Soul, O Chri
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation (all uniti

Almighty and eternal God, whose greatness demands our highest praise, and whose love deserves our most costly sacrifice: prepare now our thoughts and hearts that we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth and worthily magnify Thy holy name. Amer

*Hymn 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wis
Statement of Faith (inside hymnal cove

MEDITATION

The Pastoral Prayer
Anthem Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake Farra

SHARING

Announcements
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Arietta Dello Jo
*Doxology
*Prayer of Consecration

HEARING

Scripture John 5:31-
Psalm
Sermon The Hiddenness of God Dr. R

DEDICATION

*Hymn 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
*Benediction
*Postlude Fugue in a minor Bach

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. N. F. Brannock and Mrs. Mary Brannock Rouse.

WE WELCOME Dr. William G. Rich, Chairman of the Department of Religion at Elon College, as our preacher and Mr. Ken Harper as our liturgist.

THE PASTOR is one of the delegates of the Southern Conference attending the 13th General Synod in Rochester, New York. He plans to return on Friday and will be liturgist next Sunday when Dr. Danieley is our guest preacher.

TODAY: 6:00 - Church Family Softball at College Field.

THANKS to all who assisted with the Vacation Bible School held here this past week.

THE STEWARDSHIP-MISSIONARY EDUCATION Committee meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the Gregory Library.

A CITIZENS' MEETING, hosted by Representative Eugene Johnston, will be held Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

HOSPITALIZED: Miss Winifred Barney at John Umstead Hospital at Butner. Dr. William Andes is now at home following hospitalization at Cabarrus Memorial Hospital in Concord.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 28, 1981

HOSEA 6:1-6

Sunday through Saturday, God waits for you each day with kindness and love. God: "sure as the dawn." You'd think trust like that comes only when life is serene and untroubled. But Hosea, the prophet, who voiced this trust, knew disaster in his nation and heartbreak at home. Hosea saw his people under divine judgment for sin. But God is God, said Hosea. God deals with us in steadfast mercy. So, alienation, destruction, and despair will not get the last word. In our darkest night a new day will glow and God will come, "sure as the dawn."

WITNESSES FOR CHRIST AND HUMANITY

This morning more than 1,500 delegates, associate delegates, staff, and visitors to the Thirteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ are gathered in Rochester, New York. The theme for their deliberations is "Witnesses for Christ and Humanity."

Remember these delegates especially during the next few days as they deliberate the course of our denomination's common life and work. They will be receiving reports, acting upon recommendations—perhaps even from the U.C.C. conference to which your own congregation belongs—and speaking both to the churches and for the churches to the world.

General Synod XIII will be speaking in our name, to be sure; but more importantly it will be speaking in Christ's name and in the name of a humanity that is all too often forgotten in the deliberations of the rich and powerful of the earth. Keep the members of General Synod XIII in your mind and prayers during these days.

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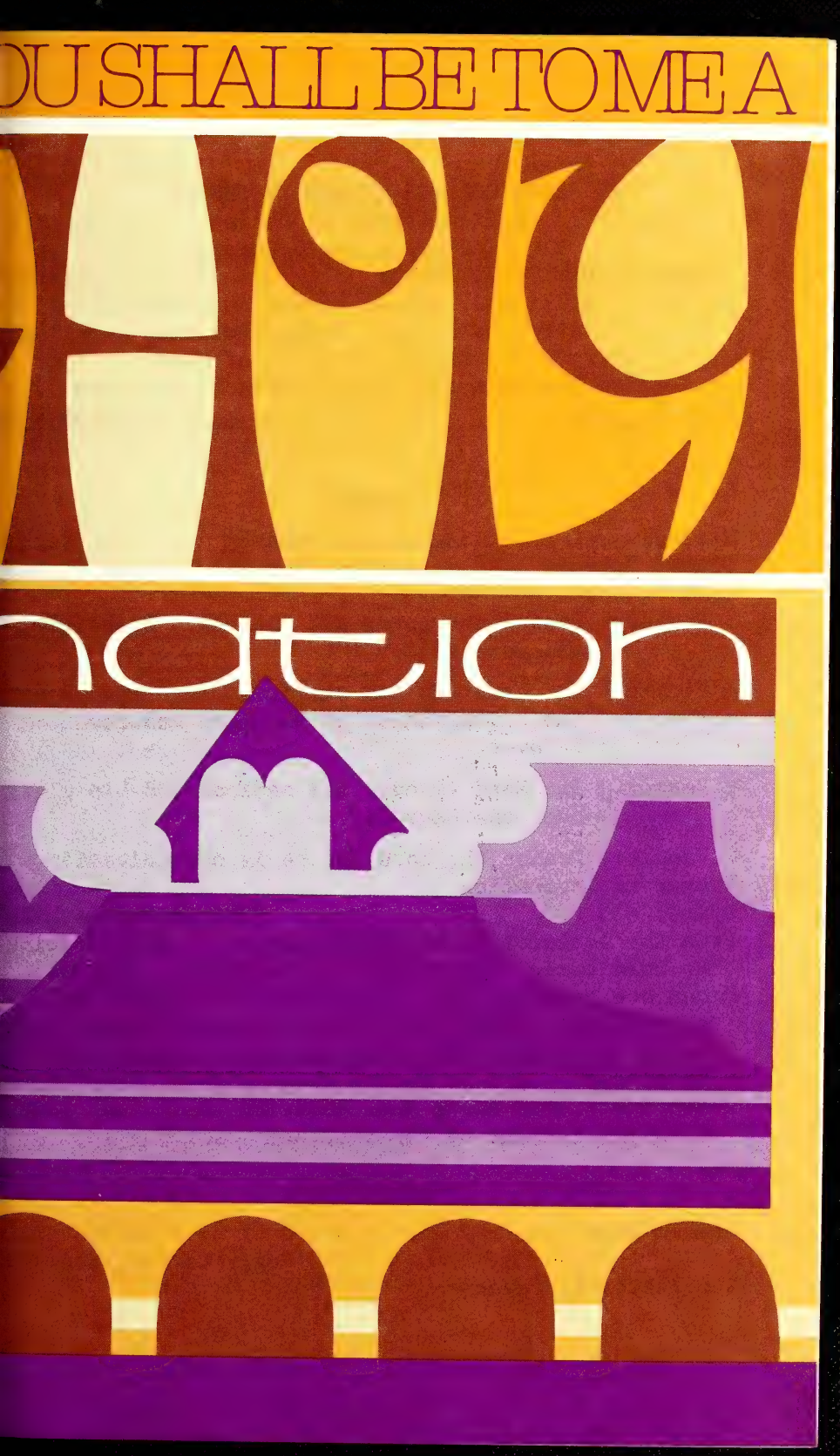
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July 5, 1981 11:00 a.m

PRAISE

Prelude Agincourt Hymn Dunstabl
Choral Introit Lord, For All Mankind We Pra
Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all nations. Extol him, all people.

People: For great is his steadfast love toward us; the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Pastor: The Lord is over all nations and his glory over the heavens.

People: Praise the Lord for he is our salvation.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers (all uniting

From the Declaration of Independence

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Government are instituted among Men, deriving their just power from the consent of the governed . . ."

MEDITATION

Anthem Solo O God of Hill and Mountai
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano

The Pastoral Prayer

SHARING

Announcements
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Aria Pastorella Rathgeber
The Doxology
The Prayer of Dedication

HEARING

New Testament Reading Matthew 5:1-12
Sermon Happiness is . . . Dr. Danieley
Hymn 438 "O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand"
Benediction
Congregational Response God Be With You
Postlude Voluntary XIII Greene
*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. George Noah and Mr. Ralph Oxford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Jeanne, Frank, Paul and Brian Purdy by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lankford.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome the return of Dr. J. Earl Danieley to our pulpit. Dr. Danieley is Professor of Chemistry at Elon College and a Deacon of the congregation. We also welcome Mr. David Vaughan who returns as guest organist during the vacation period of Mrs. Bragg. We are always delighted to have Mrs. Peggy Lackey as Soloist of the Morning.

OUR PASTOR returned Thursday after attending the General Synod meeting in Rochester, New York.

TODAY: 6:00 - Church Family Softball at College Field.
7:30 - Board of Deacons

THE SACRAMENT of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday.

OTHER: Charles Wilkins is attending Johns River Camp this week . . . Statements of quarterly contributions will be available next Sunday.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 5, 1981

EXODUS 19:2-6

Can this be "a holy nation" when we do not agree what holiness is? In the United States, we run a spectrum all the way from libertarians whose moral vision skirts anarchy to a self-styled "moral majority" who would impose narrow legalism upon us all. In between, moral cynics flout law for power, pleasure, and profit. Notwithstanding, we are called to be "a holy nation." If, unresponsive to that call, we "turn freedom into license," do we not risk that "mutual destruction" against which the New Testament warns and from which it wants us to be saved?

TOWARD FREEDOM

Two men were sitting on a bench in Independence Mall, Philadelphia, near the place where our nation's independence was first proclaimed on July 4, 1776. One, white, looked at the other, black, and suddenly remembered that the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States did not specifically give freedom to all Americans.

It remained for the 13th Amendment to abolish slavery and for the 14th to declare that "*all* persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside." Its provision that "no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States . . ." made all U.S. citizens equal under the law. It remained for women and men of good will to press for freedom for *all.*

Churches, schools and colleges, civic groups, labor unions, and many other groups of persons—and certainly private citizens acting on their own—are still needed to really make freedom ring for all Americans.

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July 12, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Herzlich Thut Kirnberger

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise God who out of love for us sent Jesus Christ to live among us.

People: So that in our hunger and thirst we might have Bread and Wine

Unison: Let us be faithful to the covenant between us made, for in God is life created anew.

Choir: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 5:12-15

ANTHEM SOLO The Lord Is My Light O. Speaks
(Thomasene Sparks, Soprano)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Flute Solo Arene

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

MEDITATION Living Words Dr. Hamilton

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal P. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
* Thanksgiving
*HYMN 234 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*BENEDICTION
* Congregational Response The Doxology
* Postlude Processional in E^b Johnson

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barbee and Family

GREETERS of the Day are Dr. A. L. Hook and Mrs. Reggie McLelland.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome the return of Mrs. Thomasene Sparks as soloist and Mr. David Vaughan as guest organist.

TODAY: 6:00 - Church Family Softball at College Field.

STATEMENTS of second quarter contributions are available in the narthex.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Martha Whitesell at Memorial and Miss Winifred Barney at Umstead.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 1981

MATTHEW 10:26-33

Here is Christ's reassurance for all who accept the cost of faith and faithfulness. Early followers of Jesus paid the price of persecution: prison, stoning, sometimes death. "Speak boldly. Act with courage. Have no fear. Your soul's health is at stake." That was Christ's word. For us today, the price of being faithful can also be great: ridicule, disgrace, jail. Even today, many Christians have paid the price of death. The risk is high, but the world's soul is at stake!

A HEALING, CREATIVE TOUCH

The three secondary schools in Turkey to which we in the United Church of Christ relate through the United Church Board for World Ministries are not Christian schools in the usual sense. They have no required classes in the Christian religion. They do not prepare young people for Christian ministry. They don't even have a Christian chaplain. Their curriculum is planned by—and their faculties are appointed by—a board of directors on which the UCBWM is represented. But a majority of the members of this board are Turkish and, because Turkey is an Islamic land, are non-Christian.

Yet these three schools—at Uskudar, Izmir, and Tarsus—are profoundly Christian. The schools, since their inception, have not only provided an excellence in academics but also have exhibited a Christian way of life, a Christian way of caring for people that reveals what is to the Turks a foreign, non-Islamic faith at its very best. One consequence: students are often motivated to public service and share a concern for others that is unusual in this part of the world.

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We too might walk in newness of Life

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July 19, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Processional Mathias

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us gather in the awareness of God's love.

People: God's love has brought us to this place; it has made of us a church.

Pastor: We can live with confidence and hope, in the assurance that we are forgiven and accepted by a power greater than ourselves.

People: Let us praise this God of endless grace and offer our hearts' true worship.

Solo A Psalm Setting Dvorak

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer (All uniting)

*HYMN 82 "High in the Heavens, Eternal God"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 13:24-43

ANTHEM SOLO A Psalm Setting Dvorak
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Andante Religioso Mendelssohn

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON The Urge to Purge Dr. Hamilton

HYMN 391 "Be Thou My Vision"

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

Postlude Allegro Maestoso Handel

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Gladys Hughes and Mr. Howard Loy.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. William Tate Scott, Sr. by Mrs. William Tate Scott, Sr. and James Albert Scott.

TODAY: 6:00 - Church Family Softball at College Field.
7:00 - Christian Education Committee
8:00 - Personnel Committee

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome the return of Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston as soloist and Mr. David Vaughan as guest organist.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. A. L. Hook on his ninetieth birthday today. Several of our members are out of town with the Hooks, sharing in the celebration.

THE DISTRICT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Thursday evening at 7:00 at Bethlehem Church, Altamahaw. Cars will leave our parking lot at 6:30.

NEXT SUNDAY, join us for a watermelon slicing at 7:30 p.m., near the Parish House.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Piercy upon the death of her mother, Mrs. R. L. Spaulding of Fort Myers, FL.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Celia Smith and Mrs. Martha Whitesell at Memorial; Miss Winifred Barney at Umstead; and David Byers at Duke.

STATEMENTS of second quarter contributions are available in the narthex.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 19, 1981
ROMANS 6:1-11

Today, you hear about people who die and then, by some medical miracle, are restored to life. This motif of living/dying/living enabled the apostle Paul to say what it had meant to encounter Christ. It brought a dramatic turnaround. Paul had been one kind of person. That person had died. Now Paul was a new and radically different person. God had raised Jesus. Now, in Jesus, God gave Paul new selfhood. And for Paul, baptism was the sign of that new being. Baptism is to be that for us: the promise and sign of a turnaround in living, an event bringing newness to life.

GOD'S CHILDREN GOT SHOES

Not long ago, Dr. Pauline King, a United Church Board for World Ministries missionary, received a special gift—money to provide shoes for the 30 nursery-school children at the Family Village Farm near Vellore, India. None of these children had ever had shoes before. What anticipation! Then the big day finally arrived. There was much laughter and excitement as the children searched for a pair that fit and took their first wobbling steps!

Founded more than a dozen years ago by Dr. Pauline King, the Family Village Farm is now home for some 300 orphaned and needy children. Dr. King, who had served since 1954 at the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore, retired at the end of 1980 but remains close to "her children" in India.

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25 Ἐν ἐκείνῳ τῷ καιρῷ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν,
Ἐξομολογοῦμαί σοι, πάτερ, κύριε τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ τῆς
γῆς, ὅτι ἔκρυψας ταῦτα ἀπὸ σοφῶν καὶ συνετῶν καὶ
ἀπεκάλυψας αὐτὰ νηπίοις· 26 ναί, ὁ πατήρ, ὅτι οὕτως
εὐδοκία ἐγένετο ἔμπροσθέν σου. 27 Πάντα μοι παρεδόθη
ὑπὸ τοῦ πατρός μου, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐπιγινώσκει τὸν υἱὸν εἰ
μὴ ὁ πατήρ, οὐδὲ τὸν πατέρα τις ἐπιγινώσκει εἰ μὴ ὁ
υἱὸς καὶ ᾧ ἐὰν βούληται ὁ υἱὸς ἀποκαλύψαι. 28 Δεῦτε
πρός με πάντες οἱ κοπιῶντες καὶ πεφορτισμένοι, κἀγὼ
ἀναπαύσω ὑμᾶς, 29 ἄρατε τὸν ζυγόν μου ἐφ' ὑμᾶς καὶ
μάθετε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ, ὅτι πραΰς εἰμι καὶ ταπεινὸς τῇ καρδίᾳ,
καὶ εὑρήσετε ἀνάπαυσιν ταῖς ψυχαῖς ὑμῶν· 30 ὁ γὰρ
ζυγός μου χρηστὸς καὶ τὸ φορτίον μου ἐλαφρόν ἐστιν.

I WILL GIVE YOU REST

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Cris Bragg and David Harper, Acolytes

July 26, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue Zacho
Vigiles et sancti Hel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise be to God, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

People: O my soul, worship the well-spring of health and salvation.

All: Let all who hear now to God's temple draw near, joining in glad adoration.

Solo: Blessed They Baker
(Lynne Stutts, Mezzo Soprano)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer (All uniting)

*HYMN 247 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 11:25-12:8

ANTHEM SOLO Thy Will Be Done Eilers
(Lynne Stutts, Mezzo Soprano)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Rondo in C Major Mozart

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Ow
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON To All the Burdened Dr. Hamilto

*HYMN 315 "Come Unto Me, Ye Weary" (Tune 260)

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response — The Doxology

Postlude — Piece Heroique — Franck

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Virginia Richardson and Mr. Kenneth Clem.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pendergrass in honor of the Reverend and Mrs. T. H. Mackintosh.

TODAY: 6:00 - Church Family Softball at College Field
7:30 - Watermelon Slicing
8:00 - Finance Committee
8:00 - Personnel Committee

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome the return of Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg following her vacation period and to welcome Miss Lynne Stutts as soloist of the morning. Miss Stutts is a 1981 graduate of Williams High School and will attend Meredith College this fall.

FAMILY NIGHT this evening at 7:30 will be a Watermelon Slicing at the Parish House parking lot. The congregation is invited.

CONGRATULATIONS to U. Dean Foster and Linda D. Bulla whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Martha Whitesell at Memorial and Miss Winifred Barney at Umstead.

OUR SERVICES of Worship are broadcast over Radio Station WSOE, 89.3 on the FM dial.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Giles W. Longest upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Louella Brim of Mt. Airy on July 19.

OUR MEMBERS are distributing Meals-on-Wheels this week.

ARTICLES for the Torch are due tomorrow morning.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 1981
MATTHEW 11:25-30

". . . I will give you rest." How these words ring with benediction! George Arthur Buttrick calls them, "the cathedral bells of the human pilgrimage." What healing they promise! What relief they bring! Rest! For people whose consciences are weighed by sin, rest. For people who endure worry and fear, rest. For all people who live with inner turmoil, rest. For people who are exhausted by unending responsibility, heavy to be borne, rest. Jesus' word, again it is Buttrick who describes it, falls on the ear like a "blessed Angelus." Rest.

CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

At times opportunities must be created in our lives to accept the offer of rest that will lift our spirits. Intentionally placing ourselves in situations where the beauty of the world will be experienced can provide the change of pace that restores peace of mind and moral sensibility.

Suitable locations for reflective relaxation and leisure need not be far from home. God's abundant gifts surround us with refreshing settings that offer an alternative to our ordinary, busy lives and help us to keep life in perspective.

Church-related camps and conferences are places of inspiration, and are usually located in beautiful settings. Time spent in such settings will do more than merely replace work with recreation. It will re-create a new spirit within that helps us to value persons instead of things, beauty instead of status, giving instead of consuming. It will enable us to make new and lasting friendships that can add a new dimension to the rest that Jesus offers to those who accept his yoke.

Donald Hostetter
United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

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OTHER SEEDS FELL
ON GOOD SOIL
AND BROUGHT
FORTH GRAIN

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August 2, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Suite for Organ Corelli

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 24; Acts 1

Pastor: Bring everyone who is called by my name, all whom I have created, all whom I have formed for my glory.

People: You are my witnesses, my servants. You whom I have chosen to know me and put your faith in me - you shall be my witnesses -

Pastor: In Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth - you shall be my witnesses.

Solo If With All Your Hearts F. Mendelssohn
(Denise Joines, Soprano)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (All uniting)

*HYMN 16 "Praise, My Soul, the King" (Tune 344)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 17:1-9

ANTHEM SOLO Agnus Dei F. Schubert
(Denise Joines, Soprano)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Adagio from Concerto II J. S. Bach
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Missives from General Synod Dr. Hamilton

God Creator of the universe
Spoke the word and gave it birth,
Called forth life in plants and creatures,
Saw 'twas good and blessed the earth.
God Creator, we would join you,
Care for earth and live Shalom,
Adoration, Jubilation, Make the world a joyful home.

God Redeemer of the captive,
Led the slaves by fire and cloud
Granted haven to the fugitive,
Scattered those enthroned and proud.
God Redeemer, we would join you,
Fight for justice and release,
Liberation, God's salvation,
Make the earth a home for peace.

God Incarnate, God in person,
Walked the paths of lowly life,
Taught and healed and brought salvation,
Shared with us our daily strife.
God Incarnate, we would join you,
Fill the world as powerful yeast,
Incarnation, Proclamation,
Welcome all to Kingdom feast!

God Victorious, Easter morning.
Mighty stone now rolled away,
Tomb now empty, no more mourning,
Power of death no more holds sway.
God Victorious, we would join you,
No more fearful of defeat,
Exaltation, Vindication,
Cross and crown in you now meet.

God of history and the future,
Keep us moving with you now,
Grant us strength for this adventure,
And the courage of our vow.
God of action, we would join you,
Keep us faithful and renewed,
Reformation, Transformation,
These shall sign our gratitude.

*HYMN "God Creator of the Universe" (See insert)
(Tune 267)

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

Postlude Passacaglia in g minor Young

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mrs. Ruth Drumm in memory of her mother, Mrs. Emma Tong.

ODAY: 6:00 - Church Family Softball at College Field
7:30 - Board of Deacons

HE NARTHEX contains a display of materials collected at the General Synod. You are invited to peruse this material over the next two weeks. Please note also the easel display with a picture of Mr. Ed Hillman, our new Youth Ministry Intern.

IRCLES 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Women's Fellowship meet this week, as announced in "The Torch".

HE WORSHIP COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:00 in Gregory Library.

ADIO BROADCASTS each Sunday morning are made available through the courtesy of Station WSOE on the campus of Elon College.

LEASE PROVIDE to the church office names and addresses of our young people who will be attending college this fall.

E ARE PLEASED to welcome as soloist of the morning Mrs. Denise Joines.

HE USHER SCHEDULE has been revised and printed in the last issue of "The Torch" and is effective today.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 2, 1981

MATTHEW 13:1-17

The Parable of the Soils portrays the "very hope" of the gospel. Not everyone is deaf to Jesus or hardened against love shown for his sake. There are people in the church and world who serve others in love, focus their lives beyond themselves, struggle with courage and imagination for justice, humaneness, and peace in the human family. They prove the worth of Christian teaching and preaching. They justify the cost of mission. They constitute persuasive promise of a full answer to our persistent prayer for God's Reign in all the earth.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE EARTH'S RESOURCES

Think about the energy resources on this small planet. How shall Christians express their concern for the earth's resources? How should we use these resources in industry? In our households? In the church?

Some recent studies of the energy question describe the choices that we confront in making moral judgments about personal lifestyles and public policy. Biblical themes such as the goodness of creation, the harmonious intermeshing of society and nature within the covenant of creation, and the unity of the human family with God can all help to point us toward the decisions we must make.

In what ways can you and your congregation be more effective stewards of the earth's resources? Where are you called to plant seeds of God's love and justice and bring forth the grain of a faithful life?

Winifred R. Legerton
Presbyterian Church, U.S.

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August 9, 1981 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Prelude in Fugue in G Major Bac

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is God's world. To us is given a vision of nations and races, lands and peoples, joined together in love.

People: Praise be to God, the Creator, in whose image we are created.

Pastor: We come to celebrate and renew that vision opening ourselves to the Christ who is our faith and hope.

Solo: Come, Come Ye Blessed Riddl
(Nancy Maultsby, Contralto)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer (All uniting

*HYMN 97 "God of Our Life

NEW TESTAMENT READING I Peter 1:25-2:

ANTHEM SOLO O Gracious Lord Gau
(Nancy Maultsby, Contralto)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Adagio for Strings Barbe

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Ow

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON <u>The Tangy Taste of the UCC</u> Dr. Hamilto

*HYMN "God Creator of the Universe" (See insert
(Tune 267)

God Creator of the universe
Spoke the word and gave it birth,
Called forth life in plants and creatures,
Saw 'twas good and blessed the earth.
God Creator, we would join you,
Care for earth and live Shalom,
Adoration, Jubilation, Make the world a joyful home.

God Redeemer of the captive,
Led the slaves by fire and cloud
Granted haven to the fugitive,
Scattered those enthroned and proud.
God Redeemer, we would join you,
Fight for justice and release,
Liberation, God's salvation,
Make the earth a home for peace.

God Incarnate, God in person,
Walked the paths of lowly life,
Taught and healed and brought salvation,
Shared with us our daily strife.
God Incarnate, we would join you,
Fill the world as powerful yeast,
Incarnation, Proclamation,
Welcome all to Kingdom feast!

God Victorious, Easter morning.
Mighty stone now rolled away,
Tomb now empty, no more mourning,
Power of death no more holds sway.
God Victorious, we would join you,
No more fearful of defeat,
Exaltation, Vindication,
Cross and crown in you now meet.

God of history and the future,
Keep us moving with you now,
Grant us strength for this adventure,
And the courage of our vow.
God of action, we would join you,
Keep us faithful and renewed,
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These shall sign our gratitude.

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response — The Doxology

Postlude — Maestoso in c minor — Bach

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Charles, Diana, Robbie, and Wendy Terrell by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome Miss Nancy Maultsby as soloist of the morning. Nancy is a rising senior at Williams High School.

TODAY: 6:00 - Church Family Softball at College Field.

CIRCLE 5 meets Tuesday evening at 7:30 with Mrs. Sara Dodson.

THE ADULT CHOIR resumes rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. It's a new season with much new music. New voices are also welcomed to join the choir in this ministry.

THE THRIFT SHOP will be open to the public Saturday morning from 10:30 until noon.

THE PASTOR AND FAMILY will be out of town this week. He may be reached in any emergency or need by calling the church office or Moderator Thomas L. Smith.

YOU ARE INVITED to send Birthday Greetings to Dr. Alfred Hurst at East Machias, Maine 04630.

PLEASE PROVIDE to the church office names and addresses of our young people who will be attending college this fall.

THE NARTHEX contains a display of materials collected at the General Synod. You are invited to peruse this material over the next two weeks.

NEXT SUNDAY our guest minister is the Rev. Bruce Martin. Our Pastor will be guest minister in his stead at the First Baptist Church.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 1981

ROMANS 8:18-25

What threat we pose to God's creation, poisoning the land, polluting the air, fouling the waters, and turning earth's treasure into garbage. One biblical scholar sees humankind drawing creation after it in its fall. But—thank God!—we humans do not get the last word. That word belongs to God. It is a word of restoration. The corrupting of creation, including the decay of human wisdom and morality, is to be ended. We humans are to be liberated from our addiction to folly and evil. In that promise is hope—for us and for the whole creation.

HELP IN A TOUGH, UPHILL BATTLE

Kathie Burgess wasn't having any part of them. Not of school, not of family, and certainly not of church! Kathie, aged fifteen, was on her way to prison.

Yet it was the church, through a Metropolitan Ministry you helped to provide through the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, that provided Kathie with an alternative to Reform School. Kathie was sent to the Harriet Tubman Center in Philadelphia, a home where girls, although sentenced by the courts, are allowed to live and to attend school in their own neighborhood while they begin to re-establish some stability in their lives and rebuild their relationships with others.

While working to heal the child's battered self-image, the staff at the Harriet Tubman Center provides counseling, sports, crafts, outings, and special studies in Black history. It's a tough, uphill—and sometimes losing—battle to salvage youngsters who have been rejected by their families, by society, and often by themselves, but with your help there is hope of success.

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August 16, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Canzona in a minor Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Troxler

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: We will sing and be glad, for the Lord is good. His steadfast love endures forever.

Choir: Not Alone for Mighty Empires

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer (All uniting)

*HYMN 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 92:10ff

ANTHEM Come Jesus, Holy Son of God Handel

THE PRAYER

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Morning Light Held

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 328 "The Lord is Rich and Merciful"

SERMON Flourishing Christians Mr. Martin

*HYMN 344 "Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us"

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response		The Doxology
Postlude	Fantasia in F	Froberger

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TODAY: 6:00 - Church Family Softball at College Field
7:00 - Christian Education Committee

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome the Rev. Mr. Bruce Martin as our guest minister today. Our Pastor is preaching at the First Baptist Church. This is the second year our Elon College pastors have exchanged pulpits. Thanks also to Dr. George Troxler who is serving as liturgist of the morning.

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearses Wednesday evening at 7:30. New voices are welcome.

THE QUESTIONNAIRES mailed this past week are also available on the narthex table. You are asked to respond to the questions and return the form to the narthex box or to the church office.

EXPLORATORY SESSIONS for persons considering church membership begin next Sunday at 10:00 in the Gregory Library.

PLEASE PROVIDE to the church office names and addresses of our young people who will be attending college this fall.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 1981

ROMANS 8:26-30

"TEN COMMANDMENTS" FOR ALL CHRISTIANS

Dr. Harold H. Wilke, a minister of the United Church of Christ, serves as director of The Healing Community, a group concerned with making life better for persons with physical handicaps. He offers the following "Ten Commandments":

I. I am the Lord, your God: I have brought you out of bondage. Liberation is a sign of the life I give you.

II. Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy; you shall be wholly before me—the entire congregation, excluding no one because of disability or handicap. I am your Lord, to whom *all* shall have access: you may place no barriers before me.

III. I name you my children: therefore let no one else define my sons and daughters. Call no one "crippled" or "disabled." They are persons: persons *with* disabilities—individuals with handicaps.

IV. Fear not one another: I know the confusion of your embarrassment—your fears—your anxieties. Your brother's handicap—your sister's disability confront you: you, too, are vulnerable. You are both in my care. You are one in my sight.

V. Know that I your God have placed good in all of you: you shall not look down upon or patronize the person with a handicap. Recognize that the vast areas of personhood shared in common are far greater than the few differences that disability creates between those you call handicapped and the rest of you.

VI. Your cup runs over with the fulness of life I give you. In your human way you define that abundant life to include education, employment, transportation, a place to live, meaningful activity, cultural expression, and civic responsibility. From these opportunities you may not exclude those you call disabled. Your rights are their rights.

VII. I, your Lord, place within you varied gifts, abilities, strengths. Do not forget that these same abilities, insights, and knowledge are in those you call handicapped, crying out for expression.

VIII. Be grateful for the inspiring quality of life within persons with handicaps, which in turn engenders within all of you perseverance, humor, coping abilities, patience, and creative victory.

IX. Recognize in that community you all share there is also frustration, anger, anxiety, and despair, reminding you all of your common frailty and your common need for salvation, and calling you to mission, to provide succor and justice for all.

X. Give ear to my eternal promise, set forth in Scriptures, that underneath are the everlasting arms: hold fast to my assurance to all humankind that goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life, and you will dwell in my house forever.

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August 23, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Pastorale J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Would you have God do everything for you? Provide all your needs? Solve all your problems?

People: We have tried that way and now reject it. We are joined in a partnership with God, creature united with Creator.

All: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Choir: Blessing and Honor C. F. Mueller

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer (All Uniting)

*HYMN 345 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (Stanzas 1-4)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Romans 8:35-39;Matthew 14:13-21

ANTHEM Brother James' Air G. Jacob

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Duet I Waited for the Lord Mendelssohn
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
(Denise Joines, Soprano)

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 438 "O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand"

SERMON Cooperation Dr. Hamilton

HYMN 383 "Forward Through the Ages"

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

Postlude Sinfonia in B^b G. F. Handel

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Atkinson in honor of Sheree, Johnny, Del and Luci.

TODAY: 6:00 - Church Family Softball at College Field
7:00 - Personnel Committee
7:00 - Stewardship/Missionary Education Committee

CONGRATULATIONS to Guy Kent Grinnalds and Debra Lynne Fogleman whose Service of Marriage is to be celebrated here this afternoon at three o'clock.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the Gregory Library.

EXPLORATORY SESSIONS for persons considering church membership will be held the next three Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

HAVE YOU RETURNED your questionnaire? Additional copies are available on the narthex table.

NEXT SUNDAY we will hold a lemonade refreshment hour following the Service of Worship.

DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for September-October are available in the narthex.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 1981

ISAIAH 55:1-3

Sales engineer for a large firm, annual income in six figures, his family had moved five times in nine years to further his career. Now, he faced a hard choice. Should he ask his family to move again so he could become corporate vice-president? Or, should they "root-in" where they had found rich friendship and life in a nourishing church? They had to sort through factors not unlike those lined-out in Isaiah 55: work and satisfaction, a life of grasp versus a focus on receptivity, restless self-assertion over against openness to God's astonishing grace.

THE "VIEW FROM BELOW"

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, twentieth-century Christian martyr, once spoke of the "view from below." Fully as biblical as the call to serve the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, this "view from below" is a call to remember that we ourselves were once, as Peter said, "no people" (1 Peter 2:9). Our mothers and fathers, like those of ancient Israel, once cried out for help. The "view from below" provides a call to serve others, not because they are different from us, but precisely because they are just like us: and we are one in our humanity.

Whether our church is located in a quiet rural spot or on a busy urban corner, it has a ministry to people. And this ministry of ours is not only to help them in isolated instances whenever we can, but also to look up "from below" and work to change the overarching circumstances in which they—and we—must live.

Phil Newell
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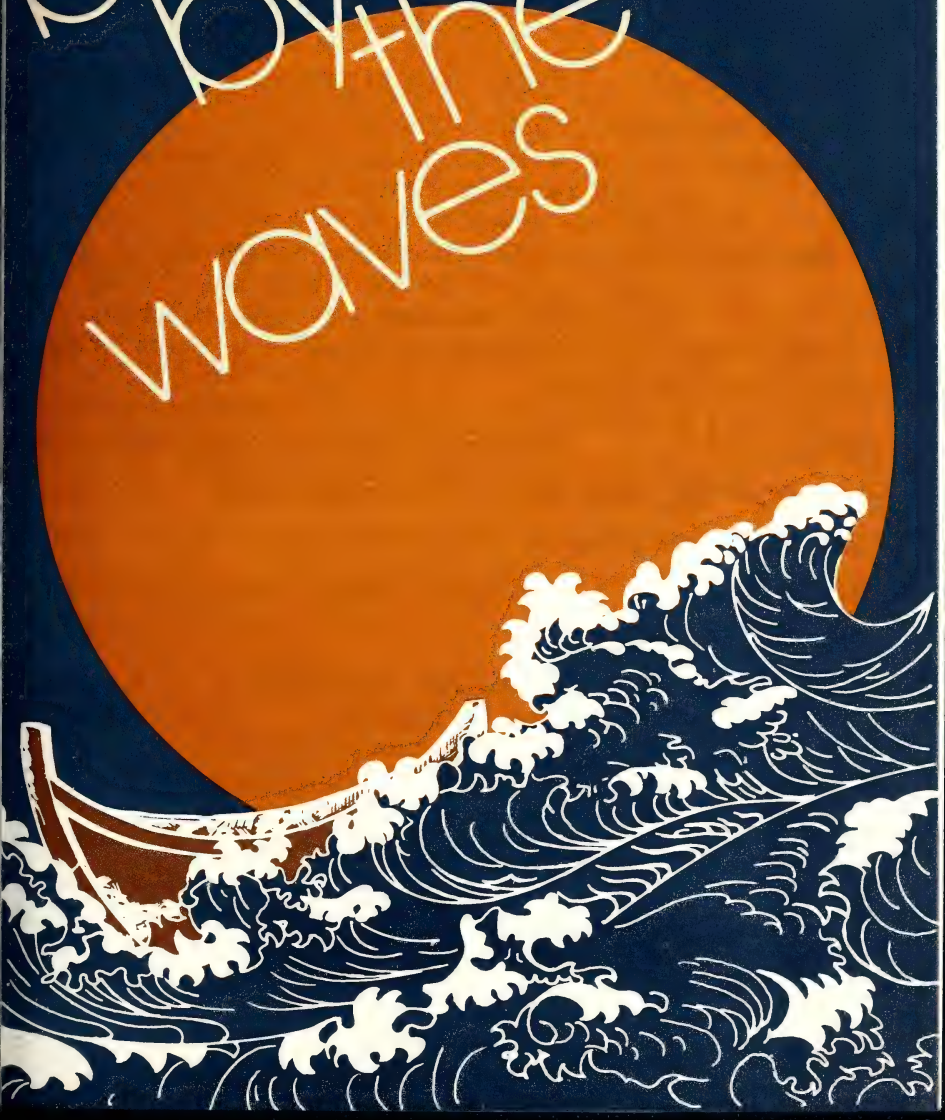

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August 30, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Fugue in e minor J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Hillman

Leader: Abraham cried, "Behold I have taken upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes."

People: So do we all "take upon ourselves to speak to the Lord." He has urged us to come before him, to speak, to ask, to pray.

Choir: A Mighty Fortress arr. Brewer

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer (All uniting)

*HYMN 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 3:1-6 Mr. Parker

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 6:10,13-20 Mr. Byerly

ANTHEM Beautiful Savior arr. Christiansen

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo See Ye the Lord J. Roberts
(Anthony Turner, Tenor)

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Recognizing the Offense Dr. Hamilton

*HYMN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

NEDICTION

Congregational Response — The Doxology

Postlude — Toccata in c minor — Boellman

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Connie Howard in memory of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Dean and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Howard.

ARE PLEASED to welcome the players and coaches of the 1981-82 Fighting Christian Football Team of Elon College. Cliff Parker of Fayetteville and Boyd Byerly of Asheboro are serving as liturgists of the morning. We also extend a welcome to our Men's Chorus. Joining our choir members are graduates and students from Williams High School, Turrentine Middle School, and Elon College. Our guest soloist, Anthony Turner, is a rising sophomore at Elon College.

DAY: 12:00 - Lemonade Hour
5:00 - Church Family Softball
6:30 - Ice Cream Family Night
7:00 - Women's Fellowship Executive Board
7:00 - Personnel Committee

LEMONADE HOUR on the front lawn will follow our Service. We hope you can remain for a period of fellowship and refreshment.

E FAMILY NIGHT this evening at 6:30 will be a sharing of homemade ice cream. You are invited.

ALLING ALL YOUTH - Summer has been great and plans are in the making for a fabulous year ahead in our Youth ministries area. Our organizational meeting for all youth, 9-12 grades, will be next Sunday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the youth room. Come one, come all; bring your hopes, dreams, desires, and a friend!

EW MEMBERS will be received September 13. Those interested at this time should notify the Pastor this week.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 1981
MATTHEW 14:22-33

It helps to survive being "beaten by the waves" if sinews of faith intertwine with our courage. Victorious lives are there to prove it. One night, a druggist's store and home upstairs burn. Next day, the family thanks God no one is hurt and, with simple trust, begins to rebuild. An eighty-five-year-old woman has a leg amputated. Death comes near. She rouses from a coma to whisper the Lord's Prayer and faintly sing a word or two of an old hymn. A young couple clings to commitments made before God, survives estrangement, and gains a strong marriage. All these were "beaten" people who, because of their faith, were not defeated.

OBEYING GOD RATHER THAN UNJUST HUMAN LAWS

"The faithful witness of the Christian church in South Africa today," notes the Rev. Chester Marcus, Regional Secretary for Africa of our United Church Board for World Ministries, "reminds us of the early history of the Christian church when people were willing to be imprisoned and even to die for their faith. The church in South Africa today is producing martyrs of first-century caliber." People there, notes Dr. Marcus, are constantly saying, "We must obey God rather than unjust laws."

Early last year, the Rev. John Thorne, former chairperson of the Assembly of the United Church of Christ of Southern Africa and a past associate general secretary of that church, with which our denomination has strong and historic ties, was arrested for participating in protests and supporting school boycotts by students who had serious grievances against some unfair education laws. In turn, 53 clergy from many denominations joined in a march of protest and were arrested and detained overnight. That experience welded these Christians together in a spirit of unity—and in a communal determination that God's justice, rather than unjust human laws, shall finally prevail.

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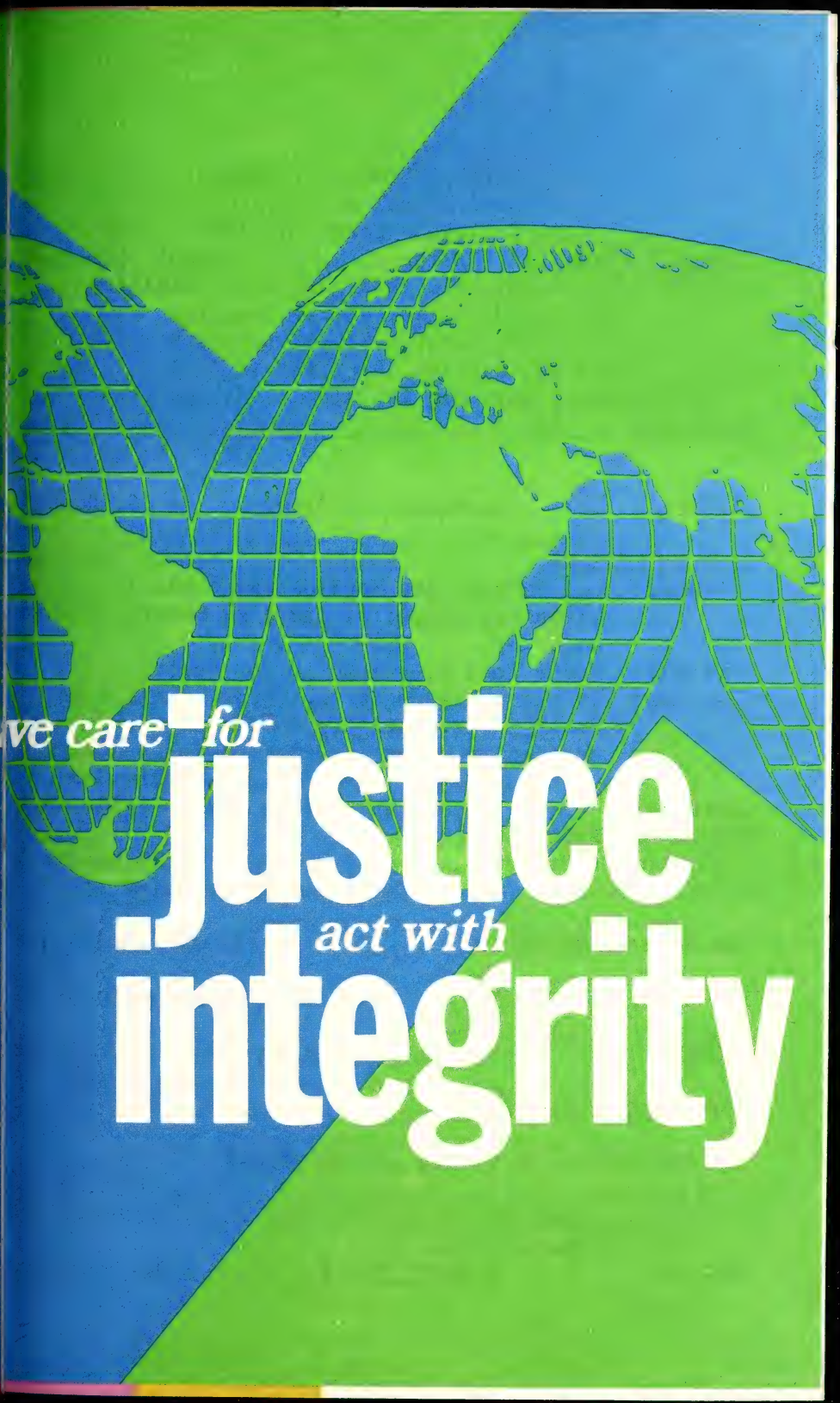
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September 6, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sinfonia for Organ G. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Hillman

Leader: Let us hear the Word of the Lord; let us be strangely warmed by its fire burning within us.

People: God's Word is a lamp to our feet.

Leader: In the presence of the Word, revealed in Jesus Christ, written in Scripture, praised in hymns, proclaimed in preaching, expressed in prayer, let us worship God.

Choir: If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer (All uniting)

*HYMN 503 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 56:1,2,6-8

NEW TESTAMENT READING II Corinthians 5:17-6:2

ANTHEM The Dulcimer Sweet arr. K. K. Davis

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Berceuse M. Dupré

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON I Don't Wanna . . . Dr. Hamilton

YMN 421 "We Thank Thee Lord"

ENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

Postlude Fantasy in G Major J. S. Bach

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. Robert Yeager and Mrs. Maud Sharpe Powell by the Dr. T. E. Powell, III Family.

ODAY: 4:00 - Nominating Committee
6:00 - Church Family Softball
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth
7:30 - Board of Deacons

HE WORSHIP COMMITTEE meets Wednesday evening at 7:00.

HE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will hold a hotdog-hamburger supper Thursday evening at 6:30. The program will focus on future uses of the Parish House.

EXT SUNDAY: The Church School will gather at 9:45 for Promotion Sunday . . . New members will be received during the Church Worship Service.

RGAN RECITAL: Dr. Marilyn Keiser, who was our guest artist for the Dedication Recital, will present a recital on the Flentrop Organ in Duke Chapel Sunday, September 13, at 5:00 p.m. Several members of the Music Committee are planning to attend and invite others to join them. If interested, please call Mrs. Bragg.

CONTRIBUTIONS are received this month for the special offering to the United Church Retirement Home in Newton, NC. Please designate your gift for this purpose.

OTHER: Mrs. Estelle Perry is a patient at Memorial Hospital . . . The Church office will be closed tomorrow morning . . . Have you returned your questionnaire?

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 1981

ISAIAH 56:1-7

The prophetic cry, "Have care for justice," is a critical word for our day. It is a message from God that needs to be heard in courtrooms across the land. It addresses the shapers of United States policy toward Latin America, South Korea, and South Africa. It demands more humane ways of distributing food in world markets so that one-fourth of the human family will no longer starve while the world grows more food, each year, than it takes to feed every human at the North American standard. "Have a care for justice!" On the heeding of that cry could depend our very survival.

WORK ON THE BORDER

Small Mexican children stand huddled behind the Felipi Angeles Mission in Juarez, Mexico, and smile broadly when the door opens and they are allowed to come inside from the cold. The building isn't that much warmer, but the room in which they meet for the Project Verdad Kindergarten (*verdad* in Spanish means "truth") has a small kerosene heater. The children come from homes that have no running water, sanitation, or heat. Here they receive all these, plus loving care. Because of Project Verdad, these children are a little more fortunate than many others in Juarez.

"People need more than food and clothing to survive," notes Rev. Baltazar Gonzalez, co-director of Project Verdad. "They need something to live for—something for the spirit." People on both sides of the border, people from several denominations including our own, have given money, service, effort, and a lot of plain hard work to make Project Verdad a reality.

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September 20, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Allegro for Organ Sweelinck

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Hamilton
Choral Introit We Praise Thee, Lord Genevan Psalter
Prayer of Invocation (All uniting)
Praise be to you, O God, from whom all blessings flow: the blessing of this place, the blessing of this hour, the blessing of this fellowship in Christ. Amen.

* Hymn 72 "The Spacious Firmament on High"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12

* The Statement of Faith (Hymnal)

ANTHEM A Rose Touched by the Sun Jean Berger
A rose touched by the sun's warm rays
All its petals gently, does unfold;
So you, when touched by God's great mercy,
Let joy and gladness win your soul.

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Hymn 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us"

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Come Thou Fount arr. Davis

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON A Time To Weed the Garden Mr. Hillman
Text: Matthew 13:24-30

*HYMN 268 "Lord, We Thank Thee for Our Brothers"

NEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

Postlude All People that on Earth do Dwell Willan

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ODAY: 5:00 - Middle High Youth
5:00 - Church Family Softball
5:00 - Guidelines Committee
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth
7:00 - Christian Education Committee
7:00 - Finance Committee
7:00 - Music Committee

EALS-ON-WHEELS are delivered this week by our membership.

HE STEWARDSHIP/MISSIONARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:00.

UB SCOUT PACK 51 meets Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

CONTRIBUTIONS are received this month for the special offering to the United Church Retirement Home in Newton, NC. Please designate your gift for this purpose.

PLAN NOW to participate in the CROP Walk on October 4.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 1981

ROMANS 12:1-7

Paul's term for "be transformed" is the Greek *metamorphousthe,* a word that suggests what happens when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. Such a change: from tight binding to free flying; from the prison of a cocoon to the release of wings! "Let God do that in you," Paul urges. "Let God change you from someone who is trapped and shrouded in this world's values, ethics, and outlook, into a person whom God makes beautiful, righteous, and free. That change comes by the transformation of your being from its very core, once you fully give your life to God."

LEADERSHIP NEEDS OF AMERICAN INDIAN CHURCHES

For more than ninety years, the American Indian Reservation churches of the United Church of Christ were dependent upon missionaries to minister to their spiritual and practical needs. Today, as these churches seek to become more completely responsible for the direction of their own work, the development of skilled, trained leadership has become a matter of survival.

The U.C.C. Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM) seeks to address this leadership issue in a variety of ways:

- CAIM works with U.C.C. conferences to identify and develop potential leaders for our American Indian churches and communities.
- CAIM participates in the Native American Theological Association, Cook Christian Training School, and the Dakota Leadership Program.
- CAIM has planned a consultation this autumn with local Indian church leaders, focusing attention on the leadership crisis.
- CAIM is developing a U.C.C. polity course for its congregations and lay ministers. Self-determination for them requires knowledge of U.C.C. structure, history, resources, and procedures. American Indian people cannot "own" what they cannot understand.

The Council for American Indian Ministry receives most of its funding from the annual Neighbors in Need all-church offering, which will be received in most U.C.C. congregations on October 4.

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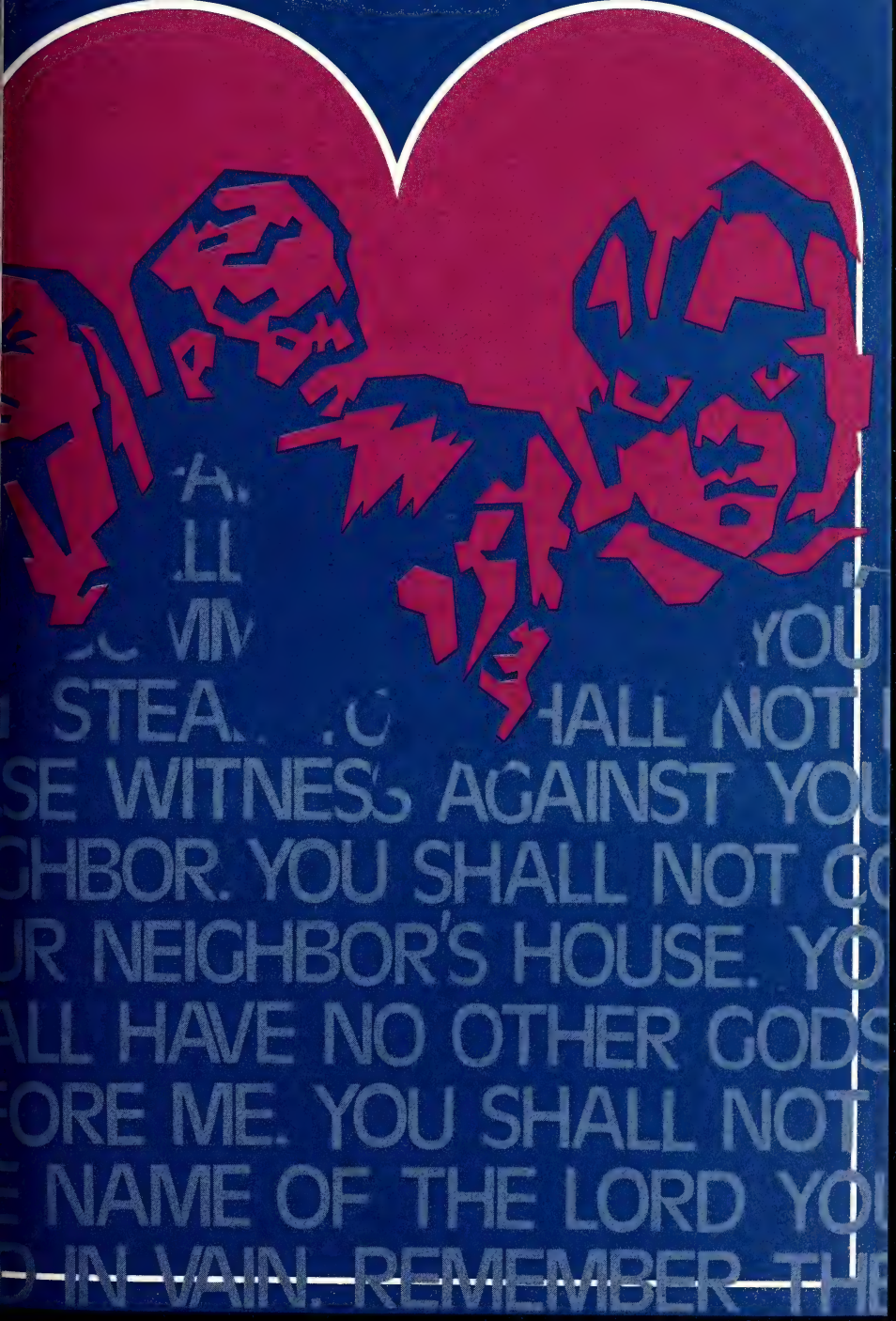

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September 27, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE He Who Suffers God to Guide Him Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Hillman
Choral Introit Come, My Soul Dickey
Prayer of Invocation (All uniting)
God our Father, whose will is that we surprise with kindness and disarm with love, show us the need of our neighbor and strengthen us to fill it with joy that you may be known in the common acts of every day. Amen.

* Hymn 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Romans, 13:1-10
Revelation 1:5, 6

* The Statement of Faith (Hymnal)

ANTHEM SOLO The Call Vaughn Williams
(Ellen B. Williams, Mezzo Soprano)

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Hymn 400 "More Love to Thee"

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Anthem They Follow Me Sateren
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON The Fact of Life Called Debt Dr.Hamilton

*HYMN 228 "Love Divine,All Loves Excelling

*BENEDICTION
* Congregational Response The Doxology
* Postlude Carillon Young

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mrs. Gertrude Barney and Family to honor Bradley Ryan Denny.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM is administered today to Bradley Ryan Denny, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Denny and grandson of Mrs. Gertrude Barney.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome the return of Mrs. Ellen Barney Williams as guest soloist.

TODAY: 5:00 - Middle Hi Youth
5:00 - Church Family Softball
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. McIntyre (nee Janice Frye) whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Charles A. Liscum and Mrs. Gertrude T. Barney whose Service of Marriage is to be celebrated here this afternoon at three o'clock.

CONTRIBUTIONS are received this month for the special offering to the United Church Retirement Home in Newton, North Carolina. Please designate your gift for this purpose. To date you have given $110.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated next Sunday. Dr. Alfred Hurst will be preaching the sermon.

THE CROP WALK will be next Sunday afternoon. Walkers will gather at Williams High School at 1:00 p.m. Our church will be one of the rest stops. If you can help by donating time, Koolaid, or ice, please sign the sheet in the narthex.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning . . . The Thrift Shop is open Saturday morning at 10:30 with Mrs. Juanita Loy as attendant. . . . The Bloodmobile will be at Memorial Gymnasium Thursday, October 8.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 1981

ROMANS 13:8-10

Left to myself, I would be apt to love only those who love me. Left to myself, my response to the command to love all people could be nebulous and vague. Left to myself, my love of certain persons might become exploiting and even manipulating. But God did not leave me to myself. In Christ, God poured grace into me. So the love in me is not my own. It is God's love expressed through me. It is self-giving to my neighbor, it includes my enemies as well as my friends, and it manifests not my own goodness but God's loving mercy and grace.

GETTING ACTION IN NEIGHBORHOODS

Next Sunday, most United Church of Christ congregations will participate in the Neighbors in Need all-church offering. This offering provides funds for projects helping disadvantaged people throughout the U.S.A.

Here is only one example of how your gifts have helped people in the past: Mrs. Y. couldn't quite believe all that had happened. Her two-and-a-half-year-old grandson contracted lead poisoning from the peeling, lead-based paint in her apartment; her rent was going up again; and now she received a notice evicting her, her two daughters, and her grandson from their shabby, roach-infested apartment!

However, with the help of GAIN (Getting Action in Neighborhoods), a New Haven, CT, group that organizes tenants and home-owners, Mrs. Y. has been put in contact with city officials who have advised her that her eviction was illegal and that her landlord must scrape off the lead-based paint before repainting her apartment. She has also been helped to secure legal aid.

This is only one small example of the many ways your gifts help your Neighbors in Need.

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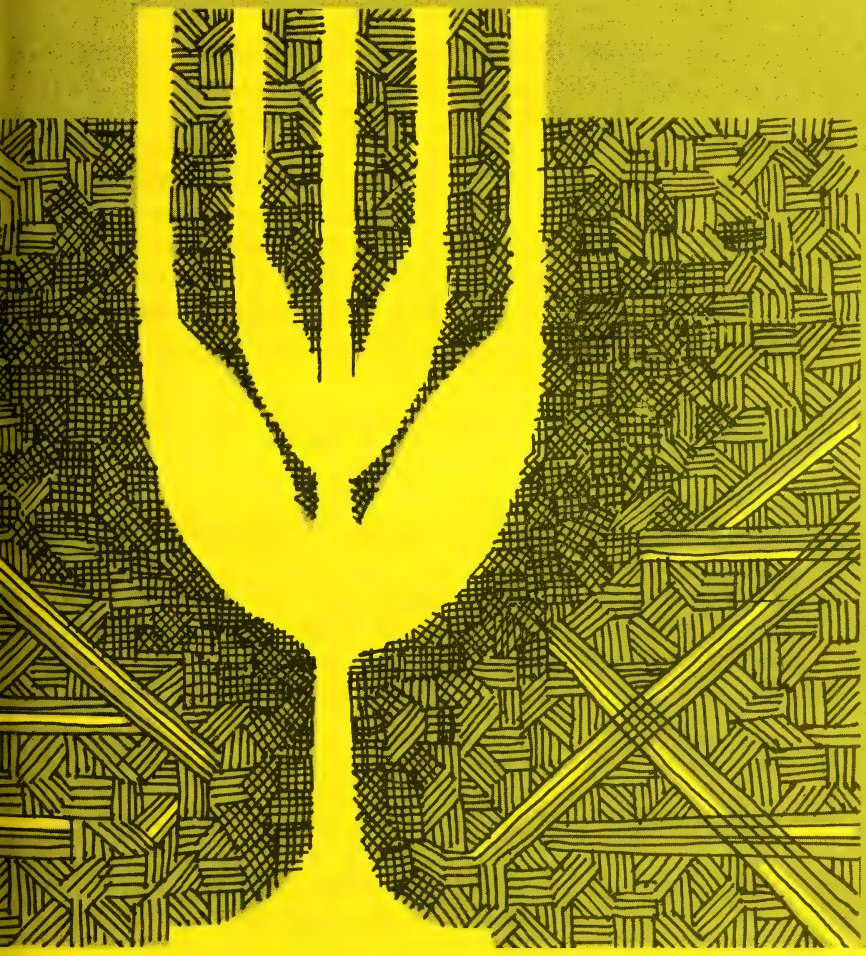

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WE LIVE
TO THE LORD

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October 4, 1981 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Fantasia in G Major J. S. Bac

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Here, O Lord, I See Thee Plainson
UNISON PRAYER
May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, for you are our strength and our redeemer. Amen.
*HYMN 8 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 4:1-1

NEW TESTAMENT READING Selections from I Joh

ANTHEM SOLO Grieve Not the Holy Spirit Nobl
(Denise Joines, Soprano)
THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (All uniting
THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Anthem Ave Verum Mozar
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Ow
* Prayer of Dedication
MEDITATION Whom Are We Imitating? Dr. Hurs

*HYMN 285 "According to Thy Gracious Word

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ

Communion Collect
General Confession (All uniting) Hymnal, P. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
Hymn 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us" (st.1-2)
ENEDICTION
Choral Response The Doxology
Postlude O Christ, Thou Lamb of God Willan

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Paul Cheek in honor of Mrs. George H. Terry on her 94th birthday.

HE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion" inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

E ARE PLEASED to welcome our Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Alfred W. Hurst, to our pulpit today and Mrs. Denise Joines as soloist of the morning.

ODAY: 1:00 - Assemble at Williams Stadium for the CROP Walk
1:30 - Volunteers to assist in hosting the CROP Walkers at this rest stop
4:00 - Middle Hi Youth
5:00 - Church Family Softball
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth
7:30 - Board of Deacons

THER: Circles meet as announced in "The Torch" . . . ENC Association, Wednesday, Franklinton Center. Mrs. Lois Bost, Mrs. Ruth Hurst, Mrs. Della Scott will attend as delegates . . . Bloodmobile, Elon College gymnasium, Thursday, 11:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. . . . Family Night, next Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 4, 1981

ROMANS 14:5-9

Feeling that something is of major consequence when it is minor is an old habit in the church. Christians felt that way in Rome. They let diet and Sabbath observation drive a wedge between them. Such things are not that important, said Paul. We live and die in Christ; all are Christ's people. Today, that can be the spirit we bring to Holy Communion. Some will commune in pews, some at altar rails. Some will worship in simple and others in elaborate liturgy. But all of us live and die in Christ; all of us are God's own folk.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Today, most congregations of the United Church of Christ will receive an offering for their Neighbors in Need. This annual all-church offering provides funds for meeting specific needs of disadvantaged people throughout our nation.

This year, NIN funds will help:

- Physically and mentally handicapped persons, a hidden minority of 50 million in our country.
- Struggling black families hindered by damaging stereotypes.
- Malnourished and starving children in both rural and urban areas.
- Poor women shackled to low-paying jobs.
- American Indians in need of improved church buildings and more well-trained leaders.

Will you please give generously?

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FOR YOUR PROGRESS AND JOY IN THE FAITH

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October 11, 1981 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Canzona in d minor J. S. Bac

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Brethren, We Have Met to Worshi
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 302 "O Zion, Haste'

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55:6-1

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 28:16-2

ANTHEM O Jesus, King, Most Wonderful Ty

PASTORAL PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS
Offertory Siciliano J. S. Bac
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Ow
* Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 484 "Remember All the People'

A DRAMA READING Senior Hi Youth
FIRE IN A HAYSTACK
Scene 1 A Saturday Afternoon Prayer Meeting in 1806
Scene 2 Four years later, in a room at Andover Seminary
Scene 3 A Meeting of the Female Cent Institution

YMN 202 "Jesus Shall Reign"

ENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

Postlude Nunc Dimittis Nelson

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Hunter and Richard by the family.

E MIDDLE HI YOUTH meet at the Softball Field at 4:00.

MILY NIGHT is at 6:00 this evening in celebration of the Haystack Meeting. Please bring a covered dish.

HER: The Music Committee meets Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. . . Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow . . . The Middle Hi Youth are holding a Car Wash Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the south parking lot . . . Mr. W. L. Oakley is a patient at Memorial Hospital.

E DRAMA presented today was written by Gertrude Warner to celebrate the Haystack Prayer Meeting of 1806. The experience of these five young men gave birth to the first foreign mission society in the United States, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, in 1812. The cast includes:

Narrator: Bill Blanchard
Samuel Mills: Dan Hamilton
James Richards: Alan Young
Francis Robbins: Jeff Jones
Harvey Loomis: Andre Wilkins
Byram Green: Ed Hillman
Rice: Bert Barbee
Hepzibah: Beth Barbee
Adeline: Paige Hall
Marshy: Debbie Scarlata
Eunice: Tina Lloyd
Woman's Voice: Debbie Scarlata

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 11, 1981

PHILIPPIANS 1:21-27

The road between clergy and laity ought to be a two-way street. Paul's letter to the lay members of the church at Philippi suggests that. His job, he wrote, was to build up their faith in Jesus Christ. Their job was to strive "side by side for the gospel." Should not responsibility, communication, and partnership flow both ways in our churches today between the ordained and unordained people of God?

THE GIFT OF ONE MONTH

What this world needs, said the Rev. David J. Dean to his congregation in Rutland, VT, are "idealistic, compassionate people with love to give away!"

Two members of Grace Congregational United Church of Christ responded to Dean's message. James and Ida Wright volunteered and were formally commissioned and sent as local-church representatives to Southern Africa. There, at the invitation of the Swaziland government, they served for one month as a dental team associated with Larry and Carol Gilley, missionaries of our United Church Board for World Ministries.

Is one month too short a time for such overseas service? Usually, but not always, as the Wrights and their Swaziland friends will testify. They have affirmed the need for skilled service, in dentistry and many other fields as well, even on a short-term basis.

Interested? Your pastor can give you the address of our United Church Board for World Ministries. Let the Board know of your interest.

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October 18, 1981 11:00 a.m

PRAISE TO GOD
Prelude
* Hymn 260 "The Church's One Foundation
Call to Worship Mr. Hillma
Choral Introit Summer Ended, Harvest O'e
Prayer of Invocation (All uniting
God our Father, we have learned to call you Fathe because we have seen in Jesus, your Son, what it means to be your children. Help us to come in childlike trust to learn also the depth, breadth, and height of your fatherly love. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Philippians 2:1-1
Anthem Lord of Light J. S. Bac
* The Statement of Faith (All uniting

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome and Announcements
* Hymn 223 "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing
Sermon Have This Mind Among Yourselves Dr. Hamilto

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory
* Congregational Response The Doxolog
* Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 372 "How Firm A Foundatior
* Benediction
* Postlude

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Foster and Mr. G. W. Harper by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Harper and Family.

ANKS to Mr. Mark Rumley for serving as our guest organist today. Mark is a student at Elon College.

DAY: 4:00 - Middle Hi Youth
5:00 - Landscape Committee
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth

E STEWARDSHIP/MISSIONARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:00.

ALS-ON-WHEELS are delivered this week by Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Danieley, Mrs. Lightbourne, Mrs. McLelland and Mrs. Moncure.

BLE STUDY, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. until noon at Davis Street United Methodist Church.

E DISTRICT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Thursday evening at 7:00 at St. Mark's Church. Please call the church office to place your dinner reservation. Cars will leave here at 6:45.

B SCOUT PACK 51 holds its annual cake auction Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House. Your purchase of a cake will support the scout program.

ADIO STATION WSOE resumes today its schedule of broadcasting our Sunday Services. Please share this information with any of our homebound members. WSOE is found at 89.3 on the FM dial.

AILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for November-December are available in the narthex.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 18, 1981

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

"Look out for Number One." That bald counsel has spread like an epidemic. It informs a type of personal behavior. "Be your own best friend," it urges. "If you aren't, nobody else will be." It shapes public actions. United States foreign policy is weighted too frequently to the avowed pursuit of our own national self-interest and not to the pursuit of justice for poor and powerless peoples in South Africa, Latin America, and Asia. Against this rash of self-centeredness, we now must advocate vigorously the Bible's demand: "Look out for one another's interests, not just for your own."

SAYING "LORD, LORD . . ."

Throughout the Scriptures there is a prophetic insistence on repentance, not only for individuals, but for nations. Repentance, the about-face that re-orients one's life, is the theme for today's World Order and Peace Sunday, an observance that is being sponsored by member denominations of the National Council of Churches.

Repentance is not so much simple contrition for having done wrong; it is an entire re-orientation of life, a turning toward righteousness. With repentance comes forgiveness. An acceptance of that forgiveness brings a renewal of holiness, of wholeness, of what the ancient Hebrews called *shalom,* "peace." Forgiveness is a restoration of relationships between human beings and God, and between human beings.

The nation that repents, that turns away from the misuse of power that brings oppression, may also experience a wholeness, a presence of God in its midst—peace. May ours be such a nation!

Edna May Mosley
Associate for Educational Planning and Support,
United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

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VERY STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED
HAS BECOME THE HEAD OF THE CORNER

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October 25, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRAISE TO GOD

Prelude Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now Boehm

* Hymn 252 "O Word of God Incarnate"

Call to Worship Mr. Hillman

Choral Introit Blessing and Honor

Prayer of Invocation (All uniting)

O God our Father, may the Word of Christ dwell in us richly as we teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, as we sing and pray and give of our gifts with thankfulness. Whatever we do, our deeds are to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings Isaiah 5:1-7; Matthew 21:33-43

Anthem My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Thomson

* The Statement of Faith (All uniting)

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn 370 "He Leadeth Me"

Sermon <u>Affirmations on a Down</u> Dr. Hamilton

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Antiphon III Dupre

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 363 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

* Benediction

* Postlude Toccata on "St. Thomas" Phillips

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in emory of John W. Barney by the Family.

NKS to Mrs. Jane D. Shutt who is serving as our uest organist today. Jane is a member of our ongregation and now lives in Charlotte.

COME to the representatives of the Burlington aycees who are visiting with us today. Mr. Barry xford is Jaycee President. Dr. Tim Parker from his congregation is also a member.

TH: The Middle Hi Youth meet at 7:00 this evening t the home of Tripp Walker.

The Senior Hi Youth meet here at 1:30 to go to edar Rock Park. Please wear hiking clothes.

IO STATION WSOE has resumed its schedule of broadasting our Sunday Services. Please share this nformation with any of our homebound members. SOE is found at 89.3 on the FM dial.

LY DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for November-December are vailable in the narthex.

ANCIAL STATEMENTS of third quarter contributions are available in the narthex. Those not picked up today will be mailed this week.

E CONGREGATION has been invited to see the award-winning film "War Without Winners" this evening at 7:00 at Berea UCC.

TICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 25, 1981

MATTHEW 21:33-43

Jesus told the story of some sharecroppers who, refusing to pay the landowner's share of their grape harvest, were thrown out of the vineyard. No surprise there. But look at Jesus' audience. Then we realize that he was warning Israel's leaders: "Once you were God's select tenants. But you turned deaf ears to the Owner. Now you will be replaced." Such a fate awaits any people who continue to ignore God's demand for justice and peace in dealing with others, or any church that will not make Christ the cornerstone of its mission and life.

BIRTH OF THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

A monument in a meadow near Williams College, in western Massachusetts, bears the names of five Williams College students and the date 1806. The monument commemorates a prayer meeting held by the students 175 years ago. A thunderstorm forced the students to take shelter under a haystack. Praying there, protected from the storm, they found a new sense of dedication and commitment to serve God in foreign places.

At their urging, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, one of the predecessors of our United Church Board for World Ministries, was established. The ABCFM was the first American missionary board to be founded for overseas mission. In its first years the Board sent missionaries of the Presbyterian, Christian, Congregational, Dutch and German Reformed churches—quite an ecumenical beginning that day for the American overseas missionary movement!

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GOD WILL SWALLOW UP DEATH FOREVER

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November 1, 1981 11:00 a.m

PRAISE TO GOD

Prelude

* Hymn 3 "God Himself is With Us"

Call to Worship Mr. Hillma

Choral Introit Praise the Lord M. Adam

Prayer of Invocation (All uniting

God our Father, who in Jesus Christ taught us how to approach you, how to speak to you, and what to say when we come into your presence, direct our thoughts now. Lift our eyes and our hearts that we may see behind things temporary the things which last forever. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:8-2

Anthem O Clap Your Hands R. Vaughan William

* The Apostles' Creed p. 51

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn 87 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

Sermon Christ - Content Dr. Hamilto

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Anthem John Saw Duh Numbul

* Congregational Response The Doxolog

* Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 446 "God the Omnipotent"

* Benediction

Choral Response Amen, Go in Peace
Postlude

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Rev. and Mrs. William G. Long.

FOR THIS PARENTS' WEEKEND we are pleased to have with us the Elon College Choir with its director, Dr. James Glenn. Trumpeters are Steve Hedrick, Bruce Piner, and Tom Green. Trombonists are Sandy Griffin, Cedric Richmond, and Rusty Miller. Mark Rumley is at the organ. The choir and brass choir are seated in the balcony. We express our appreciation to all for assisting in the ministry of music.

TODAY: 4:00 - Middle Hi Youth
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth
7:30 - Board of Deacons

CIRCLES OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meet this week:
Circle 1 with Mrs. Howard
Circle 2 with Mrs. T. E. Powell, Jr.
Circle 3 with Mrs. W. Alexander
Circle 4 in the Gregory Library
Circle 5 with Mrs. Noah.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY will be held Friday at St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church at 10:00 a.m.

THE THRIFT SHOP will be open Saturday at 10:30 a.m. with Carol Blake and Annie Ruth Parker as attendants.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE requests that you return your 1982 pledge today or next Sunday. If necessary, telephone contacts will be made to those families who have not pledged by November 8.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. A. L. Rich who is celebrating birthday number 98 tomorrow!

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 1, 1981

ISAIAH 25:6-9

Os Guiness writes in *The Dust of Death* that the prospects of war, population explosion, and ecological catastrophe, of the tyranny of technology and vested interests, and of the current moral vacuum lead many thinkers today to be "prophets of doom." We Christians work with realism and concern at these same problems. But we look to the future with hope. We have hope like that of the Hebrew prophets who, in years of national disaster, called despairing people to faith in a God who will swallow up death and finally rescue humankind from its folly and sin.

ONE WITH ALL NATURE

Vine Deloria, Jr., an American Indian lawyer who also has had theological training, speaks of a major difference between traditional Christian and traditional American Indian beliefs in his provocative book *God is Red.*

Western Christians, he notes, have characteristically adopted the position that humanity is charged by the Creator with "subduing" the earth. The result has too often been a disastrous exploitation of the natural environment.

In contrast, American Indian religions have emphasized that humanity is one with all nature. The result has been an awareness that earth, air, water, and all of life are to be understood as a sacred trust to be used, not abused.

Today, we may need to reassess our stewardship of the natural world if we are to bequeath a more livable environment to our children and to our children's children.

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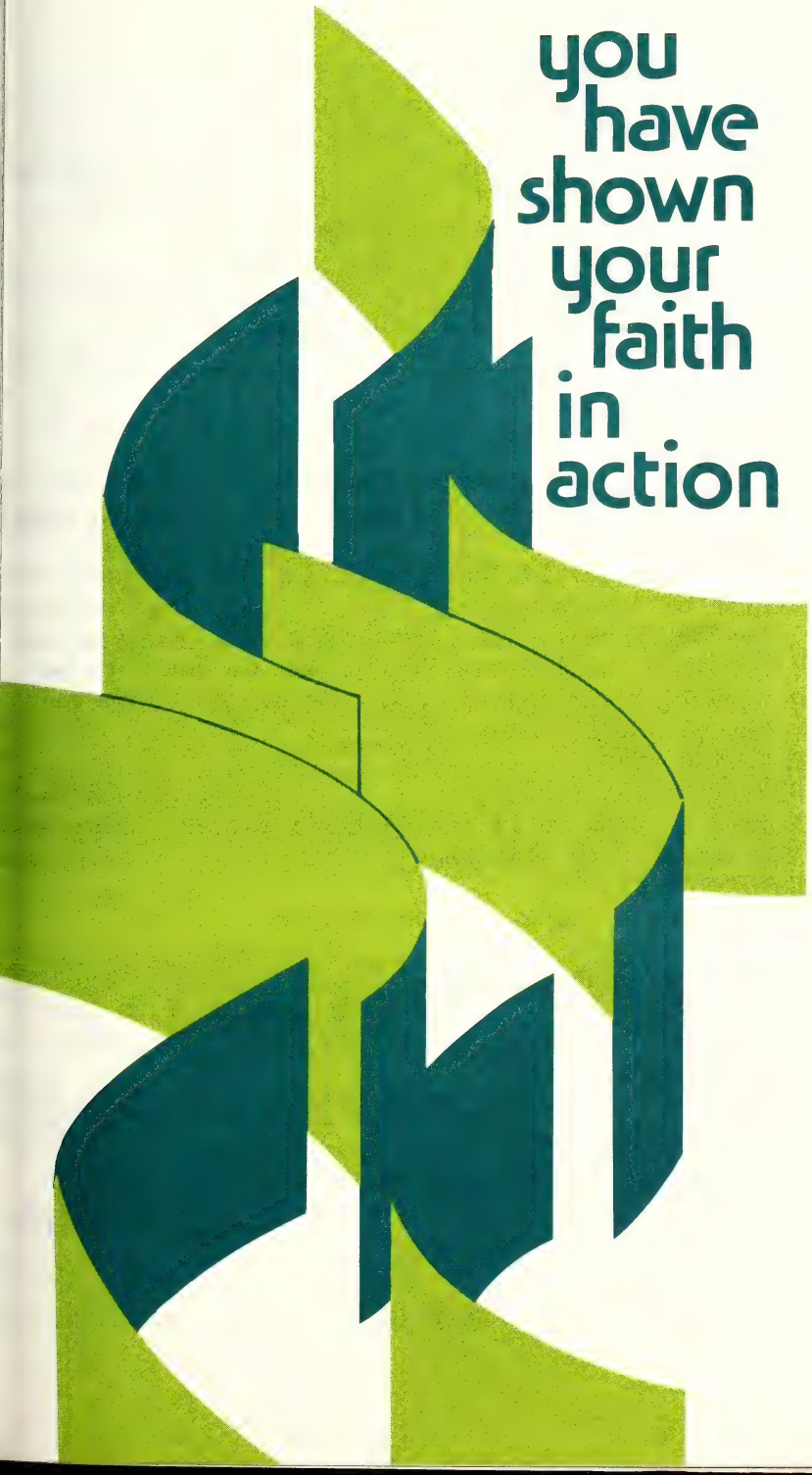
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November 8, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRAISE TO GOD

Prelude Processional W. Mathias

* Hymn 30 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

Call to Worship

Choral Introit If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Prayer of Invocation (All uniting)

God our Father, let your Spirit work among us and within us during this hour. May we learn to be more like our Master, who came not to be served but to serve. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD

New Testament Reading Matthew 22:15-22

Anthem Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Friedell

* The Kansas City Statement p. 512

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn 318 "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ"

Sermon <u>Pledging Allegiance</u> Dr. Hamilton

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Aria Pastorella Rathgeber

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 391 "Be Thou My Vision"

* Benediction

* Choral Response

* Postlude Allegro G. F. Handel

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bush in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Bell.

E ARE PLEASED to welcome Mr. David Vaughan who begins his work with us as Interim Organist-Director of Music.

ODAY: 4:00 - Middle Hi Youth at Gerlachs
5:00 - Finance Committee
6:30 - Seekers' Class in Gregory Library
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth
8:00 - Board of Deacons

LEDGES toward the 1982 Proposed Budget are received today. The Finance Committee will be meeting today to plan telephone contacts with persons who have yet to pledge. Appreciation is expressed to the 40 families who have given us a superb send-off with $25,328 pledged toward the Proposed Budget of $88,155.

HE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Tuesday evening at 7:00. We will be gathering here at 6:30 to pool rides and go to Polly's Restaurant for our dinner meeting.

AMILY NIGHT is a covered-dish dinner next Sunday evening at 6:00. The Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee has planned an excellent program which will include the film, "Touch A Child". The committee urges you to attend.

RTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 8, 1981

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5

To give money to support the church and its mission is one way to transform Christian faith from mere profession of belief to faith validated by action. To work in ways that show love to our neighbor testifies convincingly about the reality of God's love. To persevere in hope counteracts dismal, self-fulfilling prophecies of doom that render good people apathetic to evil, hunger, and pain. In its full realization, stewardship is the gospel made practical and plain. It is faith, hope, and love acting for the fuller coming of God's Reign in human existence.

THE STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

Love, faith, caring, sharing—giving says it all! Is this really true? Does giving say *all* that we encompass in love, faith, caring, sharing? Does giving say all that we believe about God, all we comprehend in love, all we convey in caring, all we proclaim in sharing?

In a sense, no; it does not. However, it does if that love, faith, caring, and sharing are extensive enough—if we love, trust, care, and share as Jesus did. Then it *does* say it all.

How do we really share faith, care, and love? Words are appropriate, of course. Who can ever hear too often, from someone beloved, those old words, "I love you"? But do we not communicate non-verbally as well? What we do speaks loudly, eloquently, financially. If we say to those in need, " 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?" So faith without works is dead. (James 2:16) But faith *with* works is alive! It says it all.

J. Davison Philips
President, Columbia Theological Seminary
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LOVE ...
AS YOURSELF

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November 15, 1981 11:00 a.m

PRAISE TO GOD

Prelude Land of Rest Russell Schulz-Widma
* Hymn 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sak
Prayer of Invocation (All uniting
Thank you, our Father, for showing us in human face your love for us and for all. Gladly we com to your worship, awed by your majesty but made bold by your goodness. Bless us here with the strength it takes to do your will. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD

New Testament Reading Matthew 22:34-4
Anthem Blessing and Honor Carl F. Muelle
* Statement of Faith

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome and Announcements
* Hymn 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
Sermon Three Commandments Dr. Hamilto

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Sonatina for Worship Robert W. Jone
* Congregational Response The Doxolog
* Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 344 "Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us
* Benediction
* Choral Response Lead Me, Lor
* Postlude Fantasia J. S. Bac

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Kenneth Clem and Mr. Ralph Oxford.

E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Miss Caroline E. Powell in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Edward Powell, Sr.

DAY: 4:00 - Middle Hi Youth will meet with David and Jane Young

6:00 - The Senior Hi Youth will attend the Family Night and meet briefly afterwards.

6:00 - Family Night

8:00 - Finance Committee

MILY NIGHT is this evening at 6:00, sponsored by the Stewardship/Missionary Education Committee. Please bring your favorite covered dishes in anticipation that guests will be present. Beverage will be provided. We will see the film "Touch A Child" and hear of special ministries at the Elon Home for Children.

E STEWARDSHIP/MISSIONARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the Gregory Library.

E FUN CLUB will visit the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh on Tuesday. Please gather in the parking lot at 8:45.

B PACK 51 meets Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

E BULLETIN INSERT tells of the Elon Home for Children. Special envelopes are available in the narthex for your participation in our annual gift to the Home.

DATE, 102 pledges have been submitted toward our 1982 Proposed Budget. Already we have pledged $52,925 toward a total goal of $88,155. The goal was to have all pledges in before the Finance Committee meets this evening.

EXT SUNDAY, the Church School will gather at 9:45 in the sanctuary. Then at 11:00, our Service of Worship will be led by Rev. Ed Hillman.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 15, 1981

MATTHEW 22:34-40

The great Love Commandment really has three focuses: God, neighbor, and self. "Love . . . as yourself." But for some people, that goes down hard. They feel: "You're O.K. I'm not O.K." Often, however, my own unresolved self-hate can produce in me the inability to love others genuinely. To doubt my own worth can make me critical and untrusting of others. Moreover, unforgiven guilt can alienate me from God. For us all, then, George A. Buttrick, one of the twentieth century's great preachers, has said it well: "We are dear to God. In that awareness we must love ourselves." And, in that awareness we *can* love ourselves.

CARE FOR ALL

In West Berlin, the Rev. William Downey, a missionary of the United Church Board for World Ministries, serves on the staff of the Apostle Paulus Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Church of the Union. This unusual congregation has an annual budget of over $500,000 that funds a wide variety of community-serving ministries and supports a staff of five full-time ministers and nineteen other employees.

Among its ministries, the church sponsors a day-care center that serves 31 children in an atmosphere of Christian love and acceptance. In addition, it has its own home for the aged—fifteen small apartments where elderly couples and individuals can have the benefit of nursing, dining, and housekeeping care. The church also sponsors a visiting-nurse program, serving the sick and the elderly in their own homes throughout the neighborhood.

To care for all those who may need our congregation's help: is that not putting into practice Christ's admonition to love others as ourselves?

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our Gift
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are of a Child

Kim Ingold

Because of the support we receive from many friends, we are able to give r children and young people modern, specialized care. Individuals, busi-ss, industry, various foundations, and our churches make it possible for us conduct a program which meets the current individual needs of our boys d girls and also looks to the future and the requirements of successful ult living.

Through our caseworkers and child care staff, we learn the problems of r children and work for their solution. We seek for them happy, healthy, d meaningful lives while in our care and the ability to face the responsibili-s of men and women when they leave us.

We know we cannot stand still in our program, that—as the Queen told ce—"It takes all the running you can do to keep in the same place" and e who wants to get somewhere else "must run at least twice as fast." erefore, we always are running fast to improve and expand our services. on our new Powell Cottage will be in full operation as a residence for ne of the teenagers in our "Preparation for Independent Living" program which we will join with Alamance and surrounding counties in training ng people for living on their own. The cottage, which is the gift of Horace well and his family, has come at a time when North Carolina communities ed to develop community-based programs. We are grateful for the oppor-ity to participate in co-operating in the use of state-supported and church-ated facilities.

ELON HOME
FOR CHILDREN
Elon College, N. C.
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A Family Group—Jackie Gallimore, center, with her half-sisters, Connie
Susan W

Your Gifts Are Important In Our Broad Program of Service

The services we provide are: Residential programs on the campus Elon College and in the Turner Memorial Group Home at Suffolk, Va., a care program including a preschool development center and after-sc care, Preparation for Independent Living, foster home care, advanced for young people who have left the Home, and a Family and Commu Services Department.

With the exception of day care, all of these were financed, accordin the Duke Endowment, at a cost of $21.46 per day, or $7,833.00 a year, f child at the Home in the fiscal year which ended Sept. 30, 1978. These c compare with $21.25 a day or $7,756.00 a year per child for all North C lina and South Carolina child care institutions. The figures show that expenses are very near average even though our program is far-reach

Illustrative of one increasingly effective phase of our work are the ph graphs in this bulletin insert which emphasize our effort to keep fam together. Our lovely poster girl, Kim Ingold, and her brother, Todd, liv Harden Cottage, where they remain close although it was necessary for t to move into our Home. In the picture above are Connie and Susan W and their half-sister, Jackie Gallimore, who, in their lives at the Home, another example of our dedication to family preservation.

We urge you to consider Elon Home for Children and its goals and to o your heart and give so that we may continue to move ahead in servic children and young people who need our help.

UR ONE AND ONLY LEADER...THE MESSIAH

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November 22, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRAISE TO GOD

Prelude Karg-Elert
Improvisation on "Now Thank We All Our God"

* Hymn 462 Come Ye Thankful People

Call to Worship

Choral Introit Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake

Prayer of Invocation (All uniting)

God our Father, we come to this holy place to begin this day with you. Be our holy Guest: our morning joy, our evening rest. With our daily bread, impart your love and joy to every heart. For your blessings receive our thanksgivings. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD

Old Testament Reading Malachi 2:1-10

New Testament Reading I Thessalonians 2:7-13

Anthem Sing To The Lord of Harvest Healey Willan

* Statement of Faith

THE WORD OF PRAYER

A Canticle of Thanksgiving (Insert)

The Prayers for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn 98 My God I Thank Thee

Sermon Text: Matthew 23:1-12 Mr. Hillman

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Now Thank We All Our God Wilbur Held

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

O most high, omnipotent, good Lord God,
  praise and glory, all honor and blessing are yours!
We praise you, Lord, for our brother the sun
  who brings us the day and its light.
  He is fair and radiant, shining in great splendor.
We praise you, Lord, for our sister the moon,
  and for the stars which you spread bright and
  lovely in the heavens.
We praise you, Lord, for our brother the wind,
  and for air and cloud, calms and all weather,
  by which you uphold life in all creation.
We praise you, Lord, for our sister the water
  who is most serviceable to us, humble, precious
  and chaste.
We praise you, Lord, for our brother the fire
  by whom you light up the night.
  He is bright and cheerful, mighty and strong.
We praise you, Lord, for our mother the earth
  who sustains us and keeps us
  and brings forth many fruits, colorful flowers
  and grass.
We praise you, Lord, for those who pardon one
  another for your sake,
  and who bear weakness and tribulation.
Blest are they who shall walk by your most holy
  will,
  for you, the Most High, shall give them a crown.
Praise and bless the Lord, all his creatures!
  Give thanks to him and serve him with great
  humility!

- St. Francis of Assisi

:OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 464	Praise to God Immortal Praise	
Benediction		
Choral Response		Lead Me, Lord
Postlude		Improvisation

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Gladys Hughes and Mr. J. Mark McAdams.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by George and Venita Edwards.

THANKS to the Rev. Ed Hillman for leading us in worship today. The Pastor and family are out-of-town until this evening.

TODAY: 4:00 - Middle Hi Youth
5:30 - Youth and Seekers' Class Dinner
7:00 - The Senior Hi Youth will be showing the film "War Without Winners". Adults are invited for the viewing and the discussion to follow.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the narthex for your participation in our annual gift to the Elon Home for Children.

TO DATE, 134 pledges have been submitted toward our 1982 Proposed Budget. We have pledged $82,539 toward a total goal of $88,155. Any additional pledges are needed this week in order that a final report can be submitted next Sunday.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING follows our service next Sunday to act on the Proposed Budget and the report of the Nominating Committee.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Thursday and Friday.

NEXT SUNDAY marks the beginning of Advent. We look for a change in the paraments to violet, the Advent Wreath in place, wreaths on the doors, and a fresh lilt to our spirits - all in anticipation of our celebration of the Savior's birth. The sermon is Waiting, based on the texts of Isaiah 63:16-64:4 and Mark 13:32-37.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 22, 1981

MATTHEW 23:1-12

Today's text hits home for clergy. Do those of us who are clergy too much enjoy elaborate pulpit garb, impressive pectoral crosses, preferential seating at public meetings, and honorifics like "Reverend" and "Doctor"? Jesus' words about the Scribes and Pharisees are counsels of caution for us. These things can add drama, color, and authority to the pastoral role. But they also can undo the sense of modesty about ourselves and oneness with others that Jesus calls for. Moreover, they can lead us into claiming for ourselves a status and authority that belong only to Christ.

BREAD AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Of the world's 4.2 billion people, three-quarters are poor and often hungry. Yet we in the developed world have enough wealth, resources, and know-how so that no one need starve. What is lacking is bread and justice *for all!*

Our own United States government is in a pivotal position with regard to world hunger. What we do, or fail to do, makes a major impact on what other nations will do to provide bread and justice for the hungry. Americans cannot be neutral, for we benefit from economic and political decisions that help to cause poverty and hunger.

Think about this as you enjoy your Thanksgiving dinner next Thursday: As Christians, we are challenged by the gospel to care for the hungry, the oppressed, and the weak. God's clear concern is for all people, but especially for those in greatest need. In the United Church of Christ, one of our best opportunities to join in this cause is through our support of the U.C.C. Hunger Action Fund. Before you sit down to a sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner, consider what it cost, then write a check for that amount to your church. Earmark it for the "U.C.C. Hunger Action Fund." It's one way to be truly thankful!

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John Davis and Keith Fogleman, Acolytes

November 29, 1981 First Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Lighting the Advent Candle

Hymn 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (stanza 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. Lift up your eyes round about, and see.

People: Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will enter to praise the Lord.

Solo: Thomasene Sparks, Soprano

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hymn 277 "Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 63:16-64:4

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 13:32-37

ANTHEM SOLO I Wonder as I Wander
(Thomasene Sparks, Soprano)

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE OFFERING

Offertory

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON — Waiting — Dr. Hamilton

HYMN 110 — "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — Mr. T. L. Smith, Moderator

BENEDICTION
Congregational Response — The Doxology
Postlude

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Virginia Richardson and Mr. T. L. Smith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shomaker in memory of her father, Mr. E. T. Murray, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Shomaker.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM is administered today to Matthew Clark Woody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robin Woody.

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for the purposes of acting on the report of the Nominating Committee and acting on the proposed budget follows the last hymn.

THANKS to Mrs. Thomasene Sparks and Mr. Mark Rumley for assisting today in the ministry of music.

THE ADVENT DOOR WREATHS are given to the Glory of God by the Kittenger Family.

TODAY: 4:00 - Middle Hi Youth at Blake's home.
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth

CONGRATULATIONS to Wayne M. Bunting and B. Elaine Lowe whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here November 27.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow . . The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday morning at 10:30.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 1981

ISAIAH 63:16-64:4

ADVENT—SEASON OF HOPE

All about us we hear, "Get ready for Christmas!" In contrast, the church during Advent says, "Get ready for Christ!" Advent is not so much a season of memory as a season of hope. It points us toward the future and calls us to prepare for participation in the coming, fuller reign of God.

Human beings cannot live without hope. Advent helps us to learn what to hope for. With the ancient prophets we dream of a new order of life free from want, misery, war, and hate. We long for an age of peace and justice.

Such hope rests only with God who created, and is creating still; who started history, and will also be at its end. Immanuel, God-with-us, born in Bethlehem, gives us confidence for that which is yet-to-be.

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GOD
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December 6, 1981 Second Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE In Dulci Jubilo J. S. Bac

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candles

Hymn 120 "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" (st. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.

People: Come, then, and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.

Solo: Hearken! Stay Close to Jesus Christ
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 114 "Lift Up Your Heads

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-1

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:1-

ANTHEM Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel arr. L. Lene

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE OFFERING

Offertory Solo "Patiently" (Christmas Oratorio
Camille Saint-Sean
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano

* Hymn 111 "Of the Father's Love Begotten

* Prayer of Dedication

RMON From the Wilderness Dr. Hamilton

MN 120 "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

NEDICTION

Choral Response In the Bleak Midwinter

Postlude Improvisation

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. E. W. Brafford and Mr. Ken Clem.

E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Captain Joe Stuart Burchfield by Lt. Col. and Mrs. Dariel Burchfield.

DAY: 4:00 - Women's Fellowship Executive Board
5:30 - Seekers' Class
6:00 - Middle Hi Youth
7:30 - Senior Hi Youth
7:30 - Board of Deacons
8:00 - "The Messiah" presented in Alumni Gymnasium

E QUARTERLY MEETING of the Women's Fellowship is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Updyke Choral Center. Dr. Joyce Baker, UCC medical missionary to Honduras, will be the speaker. The women would like for the whole congregation to have opportunity to hear her and openly extend the invitation for both men and women to attend. Canned food or non-perishable items will be collected for Christmas Cheer. Sizes for needed clothing will be announced at the meeting.

ANKS to the Tan and Toil Garden Club for the lovely wreath on the Parish House door.

FFERING ENVELOPES for 1982 are available in a downstairs hallway. You are asked not to use these envelopes before January 1.

W MEMBERS will be received December 27. Interested persons should consult with the Pastor this week.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 1981

ISAIAH 40:1-5; 9-11

Advent marks an "already" and a "not yet." Already, God has entered the world in Christ to change it. And, despite sin, Christ has influenced the shape of humankind's institutions and cultures. What is more, many who know pain, sin, grief, or tragedy find in Christ powerful help. Even so, there are gaps in our living between the "is" and the "ought," between God's call and the world's response. "Not yet" complete is God's advent. So, in hope we pray and wait for God—for God who will come with gentleness and might to transform our life and our world.

HELP COMES FOR THE BOUDREAUX FAMILY

Call him Mr. Boudreaux. One of seven children, he left grade school to support his brothers and sisters and widowed mother. Illiterate, but hard working, he moved from fishing to spray-painting and sand-blasting, and married an abandoned woman with children of her own. Tuberculosis took him off the job, but with no other skills and a family to support, he returned—working for years at minimum wage with no health, vacation, or unemployment benefits.

When Mr. Boudreaux came to the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi, last year, he could no longer work. He was emaciated, weak, and suffered from dizzy spells and shortness of breath. His rent was due, his utilities had been turned off, and he was out of food for himself, his wife, and two children.

Throughout the summer, Back Bay Mission helped the Boudreaux family to qualify for supplementary welfare income. With other community agencies, Back Bay Mission maintained the family until regular Social Security checks began to arrive in the fall.

When you give to Our Christian World Mission, you help the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries to provide part of the annual operating budget of Back Bay Mission.

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December 13, 1981 Third Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE A Rose Is Blooming Johannes Brahms

Welcome and Announcements

Carol "Away In A Manger" Children's Chorus
(Joy Hamilton, Director)

Lighting the Advent Candles

Hymn 140 "What Child is This" (st. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 2:3

Leader: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob.

People: He will teach us his ways that we may walk in his paths.

Introit: Joy to the World Children's Chorus

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 127 "Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 61:1-3, 8, 9

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 1:6-8, 19-28

ANTHEM The Snow Lay on the Ground arr. L. Sowerby

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE OFFERING

Offertory Solo He Shall Feed His Flock G.F.Handel
(Denise Joines, Soprano)

* Hymn 111 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (st.1)

* Prayer of Dedication

u are invited to share in the Christmas Cheer oject sponsored by the Women's Fellowship. Canned od or non-perishable items may be placed in the rthex box until December 18. Clothing is needed in e following sizes:

	AGE	SHIRT SIZE	PANTS	SHOES
n	40	18	48 Waist	9
	79	Large	42/44	9
men	40	40	34	6½-7
	40	48/50 Large	48/50	8½
	22	Small	30/34	7½
	59	18½		10
	71	16½		7½
ys	12	12/14	12	5½
	13	16	33 Waist	8½
	12	14/16	35 Waist	8½
	3	5	5	10 Child
rls	4	5/6	5	8½/9
	3	4 Toddler	4 Toddler	4
	10	16	34 Waist	8
	9	34	32 Waist	7 Child

ON He Is One of Us Dr. Hamilton

140 "What Child Is This"

DICTION
oral Response
stlude Grave (Fantasia in G) J. S. Bach
*Indicates when the congregation stands.

RDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with today. Especially we greet and welcome our sitors, requesting you to sign the guest register the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Reggie Lelland and Dr. George Troxler.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in mory of Mr. S. L. Allen by Mrs. S. L. Allen and mily.

Y: 4:00 - Officers of Men's Fellowship
6:00 - Middle Hi Youth
7:30 - Senior Hi Youth

CHILDREN'S CHORUS is composed of the younger ildren attending Church School. We are pleased to ve them and their director, Joy Hamilton, leading r Service of Worship today.

FUN CLUB meets Tuesday in the Choral Center, eginning with a covered dish luncheon at 12:00 noon.

PACK 51 meets Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the arish House.

SONS who wish to be received as new members on ecember 27 are asked to make arrangements with the astor this week.

NSETTIAS will decorate the chancel next Sunday and hristmas Eve. If you wish to give or loan a oinsettia, please call the church office by ednesday.

T SUNDAY, we will have a "dessert night" at 6:00. lease bring your favorite dessert to share. ollowing dessert, we will sing carols and then arol in the community.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 1981

JOHN 1:6-8; 19-28

John the Baptist was who he was: not Elijah or Jesus, not a prophet or Savior. John was a "pavior." His role was to pave a road for the coming Messiah. That suggests our mission. God calls us to be road builders. As we work for justice in public life, we pave Christ's way into a world that reels from one war to the next, exalts greed into virtue, abandons its weak, and brutalizes its poor. By opening our life to God's life, we open the way for Christ, who can make human spirits blossom like roses and hearts sing with a joy that only God gives.

"HE EATS. HE IS BETTER!"

Muffie Alling, a missionary in Maharashtra, India, recently described her work as a member of a church-sponsored nutrition team:

"Before us sat a mother about thirty-five years of age, with beautiful eyes. At that moment those eyes were filled with great sadness and concern. They watched my face as the student nurse interpreted what the mother was saying. Hidden under the mother's sari was a child who was nursing. My impression was that the child had to be at least three years old. In fact, he was almost four!

" 'He has spells. He loses his breath. He lies unconscious for many minutes. He has a weakness in his head. He wil take no food. He only nurses.' Her words spilled out faste than the interpreter could keep up with them. I summonec the young Indian community-health doctor who confirmec the cause: nutrition deficiency—especially calcium anc iron.

"Three weeks later, after the mother had followed the prescribed feeding, the nutrition team returned. The mother her eyes filled with tears of joy, reported to the missionary 'My son has no spells. He eats. He is better!' "

One by one the hungry are fed. But of equally great impor tance in the church's response to hunger are developing agricultural techniques and lobbying for political change to help assure a food-filled future for all.

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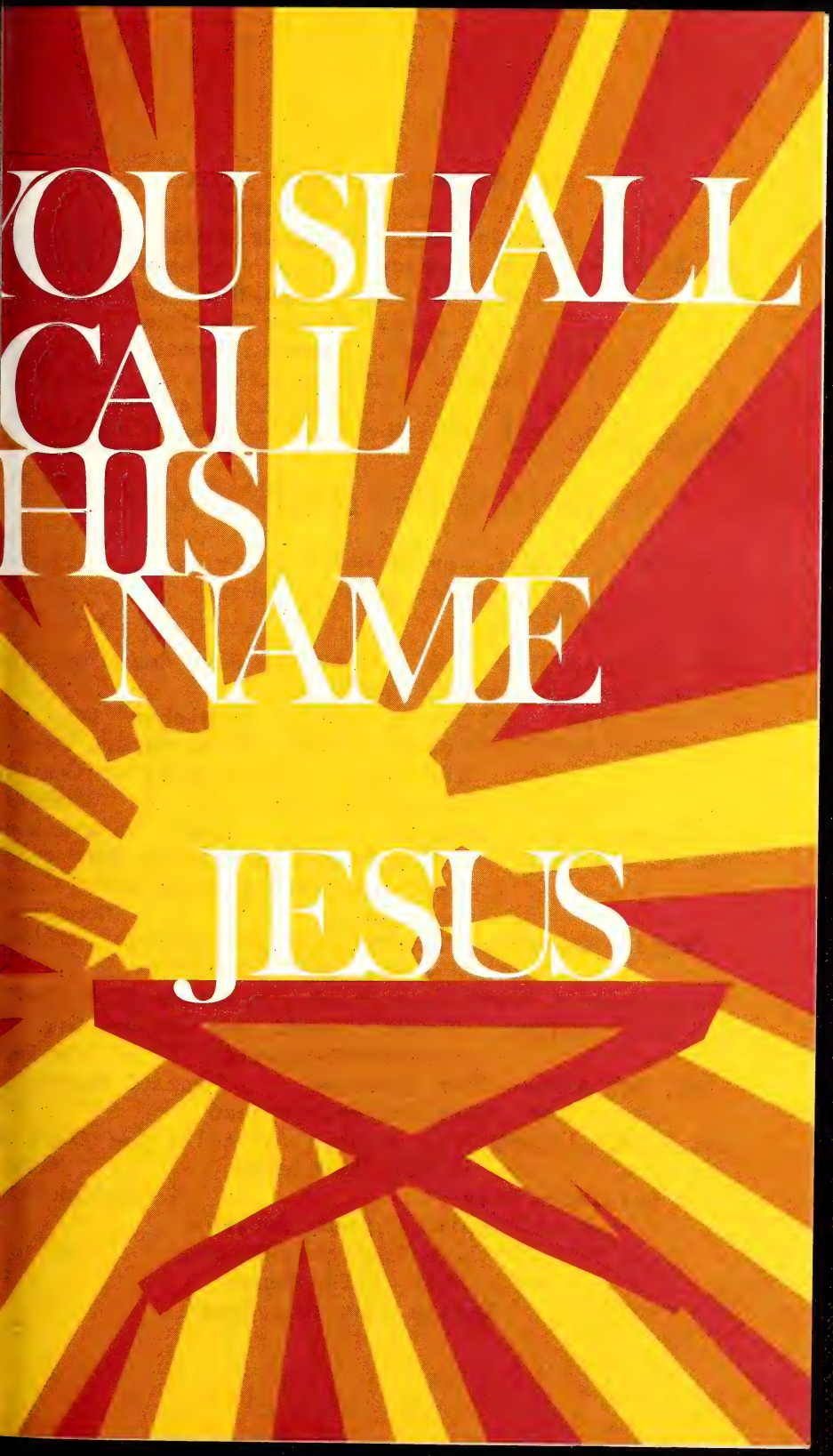
YOU SHALL CALL HIS NAME

JESUS



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December 20, 1981 Fourth Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

A SERVICE OF EIGHT LESSONS AND CAROLS

PRELUDE Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J.S.Bach
Louise Wilson, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 116 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Lighting the Advent Candles

* Hymn 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (st. 1,2)

THE FIRST LESSON: God announces in the Garden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head. Genesis

O Come, O Come Emmanuel arr. Ludwig Lene

THE SECOND LESSON: God promises to Abraham that in hi seed shall the nations of the eart be blessed. Genesis 2

Prepare Thyself, Zion (Christmas Oratorio) J.S.Bac
Nancy Maultsby, Alto

How Shall I Fitly Meet Thee? (Christmas Oratorio)

THE THIRD LESSON: Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah. Isaiah

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming Michael Praetoriu
Peggy Lackey, Soprano

THE FOURTH LESSON: The prophet foretells the glory of little Bethlehem Micah

At Bethlehem City English Caro
Denise Joines, Soprano
Jane Hamilton, Alto
Bill Ellis, Tenor
Leslie Johnston, Bass

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson and Mrs. R. T. Bradford by the Family.

POINSETTIAS are placed in the chancel to the Glory of God

In memory of Mr. John W. Barney by the Family

In memory of Mr. Lewis R. Drumm by Mrs. Drumm

In memory of Janet Loy Faulkner by the Family

In memory of Mrs. Eula Roberts Goad by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jeffreys

In memory of Mr. W. C. Perry, Jr. by Estelle Perry

In memory of Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds by the Family

In memory of Dr. John G. Truitt by the Family

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. Robert Yeager by Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell, III

In honor of Mr. Sam E. Foster and in memory of Mrs. Foster by Melva Foster and Sara Dodson

In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamilton by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price, Jr.

In honor of their mothers by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamilton.

E FIFTH LESSON: The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary Luke 1

My Soul Magnifies the Lord Margaret Sandresky
Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano

E SIXTH LESSON: St. Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus Matthew 1

Hymn 138 "Silent Night" Choirs and Congregation (a cappella)

E SEVENTH LESSON: The shepherds go to the manger Luke 2

Come Ye To Bethlehem Katherine K. Davis

E EIGHTH LESSON: St. John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation John 1

He Comes To Us Jane M. Marshall

E OFFERING

Offertory The Shepherds Went Their Hasty Way
David H. Williams

Congregational Response The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

CESSIONAL HYMN 132 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

E BENEDICTION

Choral Response

E POSTLUDE Festal Fanfare J.S.Bach
Louise Wilson, Organ

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

FAMILY NIGHT of dessert and caroling is this evening at 6:00. Please bring a dessert to share and wear warm clothing. We will be caroling in the community.

R CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE of candles, carols, and Christmas Scripture begins at 7:30. The hour is early to encourage families to attend.

XT SUNDAY, college students will assist in our Service and then go out for lunch together.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 1981

LUKE 1:26-38

HOPE FULFILLED

The hope of ancient Israel, voiced by heavenly messenger, comes to focus on a young woman: "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son" (Luke 1:31). So, too, all of our hope and the best hope of humanity come to focus on the one whom Mary carries within her.

For the one born of Mary is the fulfillment of the hope of the ages. In that birth, God comes among us for our sake. God displays compassion for, and acts in and for, all creation. The God-given vision of all that life can be is here enfleshed. Hope is renewed. Love bursts in. Peace is envisioned. Truth and justice are defined.

It is no idle dream to yearn for a world of love and peace, a world free from hunger, a world of unmarred beauty, a world where truth and right are the way of life. It is a dream born among us in the child of Mary.

God uses Mary's loving obedience to give birth to the fulfillment of all hopes. So God calls us to loving obedience and to share that hope-filled vision. In giving ourselves to God, we shall carry deep within us the beginnings of all that God wills for the earth.

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LIGHT
AND LIFE
TO ALL HE
BRINGS

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Elon College, North Carolina
Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 1981 - 7:30 p.m.

PRELUDE in dulci jubilo The Joy of Music

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The angel appeared to the shepherds telling them not to be afraid, because they had news which would bring great joy to all people.

People: This very day, in David's town, a savior was born, Christ the Lord. Hallelujah!

Leader: We, too, come together to experience the joy of Christ's birth. May this joy continue in our hearts.

People: Let us rejoice! Amen!

* Carol: 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE The Joy of Light

Carol: There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire
While the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

There's a tumult of joy
O'er the wonderful birth,
For the virgin's sweet boy
Is the Lord of the earth.
Yes, the star rains its fire
While the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

PRAYER (in unison) The Joy of Forgiveness

O Father, we are not worthy to be the receivers of your greatest gift, the Christ child, but we take this time to humble ourselves before you in prayer. We ask forgiveness for our misdoings, that we might pass on this joy of love and forgiveness to those who wrong us. Amen.

ET Give Me the Love The Joy of Song
(Barbara Sparks and Ginger Saffelle)

ADING The Joy of Scripture
Psalm 98:4-8; Philippians 4:4; Luke 2:1-20

LENT PRAYER The Joy of Silence

STORAL PRAYER The Joy of Prayer
People: We ask that these things may come to pass, and that the joy of the holy Christmas season may come to everyone.

THEM Come Ye to Bethlehem The Joy of Invitation

SSAGE Christmas Returns The Joy of Inspiration

ROL 120 (stanza 1) The Joy of Angels

RISTMAS OFFERING The Joy of Giving
Offertory

GHTING THE CANDLES The Joy of Light
(The choir will softly sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem". The minister will light his candle from the Christ candle. Then the minister will light the candles of those designated as candle-lighters. The candlelighters will light the candles of those nearest the aisle in each row.)

ROL 130 (stanzas 1,3) The Joy of Jubilation

NEDICTION The Joy of Blessing

NDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED

ROL 138 (stanzas 1,2,3) The Joy of Mission

STLUDE Postlude on "Adeste Fideles" J. W. Lindh

Christmas is eternal
like the love that gave it birth -
like the love that touches others
as it reaches 'round the earth.

Alleluia
OCCASIONS

IMEON TOOK THE CHILD IN HIS
RMS AND GAVE THANKS TO GOD

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David Young and Carter Gerlach, Acolytes

December 27, 1981 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Away In A Manger Thompson

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candles

Hymn 140 "What Child Is This?" (st. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The words come to us from Simeon: ". . .My eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

People: A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

Unison: The Christmas Light places a radiance around life in holiday season, for all seasons.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 141 "The First Nowell"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Welcome p. 497 (all uniting)

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE Hebrews 2:10-18
Luke 2:25-35

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE OFFERING

Offertory O Morning Star Pachelbel

* Congregational Response 125
Good Christian Men Rejoice (st. 3)

Prayer of Dedication

ERMON Simeon Says . . . Dr. Hamilton

MN 143 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

NEDICTION

Congregational Response 116
"Angels We Have Heard" (st. 1)

STLUDE In Dulci Jubilo Bach

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Della Scott and Mr. Earl Vickers.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Willard White in memory of their parents.

EW MEMBERS received today are Miss Heidi B. Briner, Mr. Michael Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey D. MacKenzie (Julie), Rev. and Mrs. William P. Smith (Pearl), Miss Ann C. Finch, and Miss Susan P. Finch.

HANKS to the college students who are assisting with the Service and to our guest organist, Mrs. Jane Danieley Shutt.

NEW YEAR'S EVE celebration for the whole church family is planned by the Men's Fellowship. Please bring your favorite game and a dessert. Beverage will be provided. Come about nine o'clock or so.

ONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rich as they celebrate tomorrow their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

NNUAL REPORTS from each committee and organization of the church are due January 8.

THER: The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday . . . Devotional Guides for January-February are available in the narthex . .Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow . . . Thanks from the Church Staff for all your kindnesses and remembrances.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 27, 1981

LUKE 2:25-35

What consequences has Christmas for us? For faithful Simeon, one consequence of Christmas was a new vision of God. In Jesus, Simeon saw "a light for . . . the Gentiles" as well as for Israel. The infant he now held would open doors to God that all could enter. Another consequence was gratitude. The old man blessed God for the newborn child by whom God's salvation was now come. Through this son of Mary, God was to judge and save humankind. For Simeon, the appropriate response was commitment to Jesus. Does Christmas have consequences like that for us?

HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE CHURCH

We move into the 1980's as heirs of a great tradition. We Christians have always believed in education as one of the primary activities of a people of faith. We have Jesus' command to teach all nations and to love God with our minds. Higher education is also close to the heart of our church and its mission.

While most of our church-related colleges were founded over 100 years ago, in more recent years we have seen a variety of ministries developed to serve the university community. And we have enabled new ministries to community colleges, where students and faculty represent a wide range of ages, life experiences, and expectations. Congregations are finding new ways to relate to these campuses and to their members who continue their education at these schools.

New resources and strategies, both inter-denominational and denominational, for ministry to higher education call for the support and participation of every church member.

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Westminister Presbyterian Church
Durham, NC.

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LOOK AROUND YOU
AND SEE

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January 3, 1982 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away J.S.Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Here, O My Lord, I See Thee
Benedictine Plainsong

Prayer of Invocation
*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*UNISON PRAYER
Almighty God, we would give thanks for all your benefits bestowed upon us in the past year. Grant us, we pray, a favorable and joyful new year, defend us from all danger, and send us the fulness of your blessing; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 60:1-5; Luke 2:21-2
* Gloria Patri
THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy spirit
Pastor: Let us pray:
Anthem Solo Come, Thou dear Redeemer C. Franck
(Lynn Stutts, Mezzo Soprano)
MEDITATION Given A Name Dr. Hamilto

THE OFFERING
Offertory Greensleeves Richard Purvi
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Ow
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (In unison) Hymnal p.495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
HYMN 97 "God of Our Life"

THE PLEDGE OF DEDICATION (In unison)
We pledge ourselves
to follow through the coming year
the light which God gives us.
Guided by this light,
we shall go forward to the work
of another year
with steadfastness and confidence.
BENEDICTION
Choral Response
POSTLUDE Prelude in G Major J.S.Bach
*Indicates when the congregation stands.

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "Open Communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Andrew N. McLelland by Judge and Mrs. D. Marsh McLelland.

TODAY: 6:00 - Middle Hi Youth at Cris Bragg's
7:30 - Senior Hi Youth
7:30 - Board of Deacons

WELCOME to Lynn Stutts, our guest soloist of the morning. Lynn is a music major at Meredith College and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Stutts of Burlington.

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as listed in "The Torch".

ANNUAL REPORTS from all committees, boards, and organizations of the church are due Friday.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 3, 1982

ISAIAH 60:1-6

Until we develop the skill, many of us don't see as well as we could. Jesus knew that. He told disciples: "Blessed are your eyes, for they *see*." Skill in seeing is vital in Christian living. Without it, we can miss crucial sights: neighbors who need our help, allies in our struggle for a just and humane society, friends who are ready to support us when life gets hard. All of us, like the Hebrew exiles in Babylon, need to look for signs that we are not God-abandoned. Look around you. See God working and, in love, awaiting you in your future.

FORECAST FOR 2000 A.D.

Check your forecast for the year 2000 against the predictions of others. Which of the following do you believe will be true by the year 2000?

- The present world population of less than 5 billion will be increased to over 6 billion.
- The present U.S. population of 226.5 million will have increased to more than 245 million.
- Population will have grown faster than the ability to produce food and, in some parts of the world, millions will be dying of hunger.
- American per capita income will have increased from more than $9,000 in 1980 to more than $12,000 (in 1973 dollars).
- Per capita income in the developing countries will have gone from about $400 to no more than $600.
- Many of the countries that were still developing in the 1970's and 1980's will have been industrialized.
- Air and water pollution levels throughout the world will be high because nations that are industrializing and are modernizing agriculture will not be able to afford pollution controls.
- Global reserves of many important non-renewable natural resources such as petroleum, natural gas, aluminum, copper, lead, and tin will be almost exhausted.

All of these, forecasters believe, are likely to occur by the year 2000. How—as Christians—shall we respond? What differences would God have us work for in this forecast of the future?

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n You I Have

Good Will

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January 10, 1982 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude on "Richmond" Healey Willan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God's promises are sure. He has come to us in Jesus of Nazareth, sharing our common lot.

People: He has assured us that he is here with us now: let us come to him in confidence.

Choir: O Love of God, How Strong and True

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mark 1:9-11; Acts 11:4-1

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Installation of officers and committee personnel

Ordination and Installation of Deacons

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome

Greetings from Missionary Hollingsworth

Anthem Thy Will, Not Mine Rachmaninof

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Sermon He Stands With Us Dr. Hamilto

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Offertory The Son of God Has Come J. S. Bac

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Ow

* Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 301 "Be Thou My Vision"
Benediction
POSTLUDE Toccata in d minor J. S. Bach

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the guest register in the narthex. You are greeted at the door by Col. Dariel Burchfield and Mrs. Gladys Hughes.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Miss Ruth Dunn in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dunn, Sr.

WE ARE PLEASED to have as our liturgist today Mr. Ken Hollingsworth. Ken and Judy are missionaries under the auspices of the Wycliffe Bible Translators and the UCBWM. They are serving in Cameroun, S.W. Africa. You are invited to visit with them and to hear of their work this afternoon at 2:30 in the Updyke Choral Center.

TODAY: 2:30 - Visit with the Hollingsworths
6:00 - Middle High Youth at David Harper's
7:00 - Music Committee
7:15 - Senior High Youth to go bowling

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION is held this morning for officers and committee personnel. Mr. Walter Boyd, Col. Dariel Burchfield, Mr. Leslie Johnston, and Mrs. Jackie Pendergrass are also ordained to the Office of Deacon.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the Updyke Choral Center. Mr. E. W. Brafford will lead the program.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of 1981 contributions are available in the narthex.

THE THRIFT SHOP will be open Saturday morning with Mrs. Ruth Cheek and Mrs. Nora Griswold as attendants.

OUR SERVICES OF WORSHIP are broadcast each Sunday over Radio Station WSOE, 89.3 FM.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 10, 1982

MARK 1:4-11

Much of what God offered to Jesus is also offered to us. That is the daring gospel claim. Thus, while Jesus' baptism is a window through which we see who Jesus is and what God intends for him, it is also a mirror that shows who we are and what God intends for us. "You are my son," a voice tells Jesus. "We are God's children," Paul writes in *Romans,* "fellow heirs with Christ." In Jesus, God wills good for the world. Like Jesus, and as agents of God, we are to be healers, reconcilers, and peacemakers in the world. The mission given Jesus we are to make our own.

PARTNERS IN INDONESIA

Despite more than a decade of visa restrictions by the Indonesian government, we continue to work with the churches there.

Our denomination, together with the mission agencies of two dozen other North American and European denominations in partnership with the Indonesian Council of Churches, continues to respond to Indonesian requests for personnel.

The Indonesian Council has 52 regional and ethnic denominations, 7 million members, and 2,200 ministers. Foreign missionaries working with the Council include 115 from Holland, 55 from Germany, 25 from North America, 23 from Switzerland, and 10 from Australia and New Zealand.

Our aim is to be partners in the mission efforts of the Indonesian Council of Churches in areas of steady population growth. We will also help to train Christian leaders for all aspects of Indonesian development and to undergird the Christian community's efforts on behalf of justice, human freedom, and agricultural and community development.

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Glorify GOD

In Your Body

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January 17, 1982 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Fugue in C Major, Op. 3 J. F. Handel

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: Ask and it will be given to you. Search and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened.

People: For everyone who asks receives; everyone who searches finds; everyone who knocks finds the door opened for him.

Choir: Christ is the World's True Light J.S.Bach

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer

* Hymn 13 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Hi

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Unison Reading 111 p. 54

Old Testament Reading I Samuel 3:1-1

New Testament Reading John 1:35-4

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Hymn 234 Breathe on Me, Breath of Go

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Adagio for Strings Samuel Barbe

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Welcome

Anthem Beautiful Savior Silesian Melod

Sermon Good News and Bad Dr. Hamilto

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 260 The Church's One Foundatio

Benediction
Postlude Fugue in e minor J. S. Bach

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. H. H. Cunningham by the Family.

ODAY: 6:00 - Middle High Youth at David Young's
7:30 - Senior High Youth

HE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Updyke Choral Center. Come and enjoy a modern version of "This Is Your Life' as special recognition is given some of our members whose birthdays occur in January.

HE MIDDLE HIGH YOUTH will be holding a retreat at the Crumpton Center on January 23 and 24. Please contact Rev. Hillman or the church office for further information.

LL ELECTED COMMITTEES of the church will meet January 31 at 6:30 p.m. for organizational and goal-setting purposes.

HE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will be held January 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Items of concern and interest may be presented by any member.

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HE ANTHEM: Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,
Son of God, and Son of man! Truly
I'd love thee,
Truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul,
my joy, my crown.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 17, 1982

1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

The true self is spirit, emotions, mind, and physical body, so interrelated in one person that what affects one aspect of the self affects all others. That is seen in chemical dependency. To alter drastically the state of the body with alcohol or other drugs can destructively alter emotions, spirit, and mind. Sexual misconduct, too, is not merely physical. It springs from and contributes to a disordered soul. And gluttony can have deep spiritual causes. On the other hand, as we care for our bodies, the Apostle Paul tells us, we will serve and glorify God.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

Pray for Christian Unity?

Prayer—like talk—can be cheap! It really depends on the *kind* of talk—or prayer. If our talk consists of words spoken or written but unheard, or if our prayer consists only of words as substitutes for thoughts or actions, this communication can be so cheap as to be worth nothing at all.

If, on the other hand, our talk is rooted in life and evokes listening, and if our prayer moves from the depths of one being to another and evokes thinking, caring, doing—such communication is of great value. It can change the present; more than that, it can change the future. Such talk, whether with another person or with God, then has meaning.

Perhaps the most profound talking any one of us does is when, in prayer, we present our thoughts to God and hear, in ways beyond our defining, God's responses, and so shape our lives.

In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we shall hear much talk, much prayer. Whether we settle for cheap talk or whether we make our talk and our prayer true communication—this can make all the difference!

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The Reign of GOD Is At Hand

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January 24, 1982 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Three Pieces for Organ Charles F. Waters

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: It shall come to pass that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established . . . and many nations shall come.

People: They shall say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord that God may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths."

Choir: O Day of God, Draw Nigh

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn 6 "O Worship the King"

THE LIVING WORD

New Testament Reading Mark 1:14-22

The Statement of Faith (All uniting)

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Hymn 344 "Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us"

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory "Brother James's" Air Searle Wright

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Welcome

Anthem Forest Green R. Vaughan Williams

Sermon <u>Come Unto Me</u> Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 204 "Rejoice the Lord is King"

* Benediction

* Postlude Finale from <u>Symphony No. 1</u> Louis Vierne

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IE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Darryl and Todd Pettigrew by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Holmes and Trip.

IE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH meet this evening at 7:30.

IE MIDDLE HIGH YOUTH, along with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. James Holmes and Rev. Ed Hillman, are participating in a retreat at the Crumpton Center this weekend.

IE DISTRICT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will hold its quarterly dinner meeting at Long's Chapel UCC Thursday evening at 7:00.

IE ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN invites you to see the historic play, "The Best Place To Be", on Thursday morning at 11:00 in the Holt Memorial Chapel. The drama re-enacts the seventy-five year history of the Elon Home. A second performance will be held at 4:00 p.m. The evening program will feature United Church of Christ President, Dr. Avery Post, as guest speaker.

L ELECTED COMMITTEES of the church will meet January 31 at 6:30 p.m. for organizational and goal-setting purposes.

IE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will be held January 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Items of concern and interest may be presented by any member.

INANCIAL STATEMENTS of 1981 contributions are available in the narthex.

IE ANTHEM: All beautiful the march of days,
As seasons come and go;
The hand that shaped the rose hath
wrought the crystal of the snow,.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 24, 1982

MARK 1:14-22

The reign of God is *personal* reality. Where God rules human hearts and wills and minds, God's reign is present. It is *social* reality. Where justice, mercy, and peace are established in government, commerce, and civic life, God's reign is present. It is in the *future.* So Jesus taught us to pray that God's reign come "on earth as in heaven." But it is *present* reality when human life is brought into harmony with God's purpose. God's reign is *"at hand."* That is to say: God guides history. Thus we live now, aided by faith in God's present and coming reign.

FROM ACROSS THE PACIFIC

Did you know that as many as one of every three new immigrants to the mainland United States is of Asian or Pacific Island descent? While many Pacific and Asian American families have been U.S. residents for over 100 years, these newcomers are increasingly becoming an important factor in U.S. political, social, economic, and religious life—especially in Hawaii and the other Western states.

The United Church of Christ today includes over 100 congregations that consist of primarily Pacific and Asian American members—Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Korean, Hawaiian, and Samoan. And their number is growing. Recently, the U.C.C. Office for Church and Society awarded a grant of $5,700 to the Chinese Congregational Church (U.C.C.) in San Francisco to support its work with new Chinese immigrants and Indo-Chinese refugees.

As government and community organizations come and go, the church is the one durable organization that has indigenous support, leadership, and a desire to reach out. The task our churches now share is to enable these new Americans to become contributing members of our society.

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HE ENTERED
THE SYNAGOGUE

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January 31, 1982 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE From Whence the Sun Rises Marcel Dupre

PRAISE TO GOD

Leader: God has blessed us with his favor and made his face to smile on us.

People: May his purpose be plain to all and his saving power to all nations.

Choir: Awake, Awake to Love and Work W. Douglas

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

THE LIVING WORD

Old Testament Reading Exodus 22:21-27

New Testament Reading Matthew 22:34-40

The Statement of Faith (All uniting)

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Hymn 418 "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Caprice Maurice Greene

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Welcome

Anthem For the Beauty of the Earth K. K. Davis

Sermon <u>To Get to the Point</u> Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 87 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

* Benediction

* Postlude Psalm 19 Benedetto Marcello

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. C. Chester Huey by the Family.

DAY: 6:30 - All Standing Committees
7:00 - Middle High and Senior High Youth
7:30 - Annual Meeting

L STANDING COMMITTEES meet this evening at 6:30 for organizational and goal-setting purposes.

E ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will be held this evening at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Reports from church staff and all organizations of the church are to be presented. Other items of concern may be presented by any member. The booklet of Annual Reports will be distributed as you leave this morning.

RCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as follows: Circle 1 with Mrs. Andes
Circle 2 with Mrs. Braxton
Circle 3 with Mrs. Lyon
Circle 4 with Mrs. Moncure
Circle 5 with Mrs. Gladys Vickers

E THRIFT SHOP will be open Saturday morning at 10:30.

NANCIAL STATEMENTS of 1981 contributions are available in the narthex.

OSPITALIZED: Mrs. Pattie Wall at Memorial.

RTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 31, 1982
MARK 1:21-28

Ruins of a Roman temple built on the foundations of a first-century synagogue stand at Capernaum. These ruins could be the remnants of the synagogue where Jesus began his ministry. In keeping with Sabbath habit, we are told, Jesus entered the synagogue of that town and taught. Capernaum may not have been Jerusalem, Athens, or Rome. Jesus' audience may not have included many learned, rich, or powerful people. But the faithfulness and humility with which Jesus began there were the same faithfulness and humility that led to the splendid triumph God gave him at Calvary.

JAPAN'S INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Out of the ashes of war, in a nation devastated by two atomic bombs, there arose an institution of learning dedicated to implementing Christ's peace. International Christian University—each word in the name chosen prayerfully—not only projected the concern of its founders for leading Japan into the post-war world but also addressed the critical needs confronting the whole human family.

Now, thirty-three years after its founding, this pioneering university continues to attract students and faculty from throughout the world and to prepare its graduates for international service. Our denomination, together with other major North American denominations, continues to provide a measure of support for this important venture.

At a time when humanity has the clear capacity to destroy itself, it is significant that International Christian University should have been established in the first nation to experience the destructiveness of nuclear power. All Christian higher education is committed to providing learning and to helping students to create and to experience new life. This is the continuing witness of ICU, a university dedicated to seeking means for peaceful international relationships.

Arthur Jun Kamitsuka
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"Month after month I have nothing to live for; night after night brings me grief. When I lie down to sleep, the hours drag; I toss all night and long for the dawn."

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February 7, 1982 11:00 a.

COME, LET US WORSHIP

PERSONAL MEDITATION
From ghoulies and ghosties, and long-leggity beast
and all things that go bump in the night, good Lor
deliver us.
- Old Cornish Pray

PRELUDE Trumpet Tune (with Echoes) John Stanl

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Awake, My Soul to Sound His Prai
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (All unitin
*HYMN 32 "Awake, My Soul, and with the Su

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

*CONFESSION OF SIN (All unitin
Eternal God, we confess we have wasted time withou
loving and wasted years without purpose. The
calendar condemns us. Lead us into a future
unhindered by past sins.
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Gloria Pat

RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM Go Not Far From Me, O God Zingarelli

SCRIPTURE Job 7:1-7; Mark 1:29-39
Hymn 218 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"
SERMON Tossing All Night Dr. Hamilton

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (All uniting)

THE MORNING PRAYERS

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS
Offertory I Vow to Thee, My Country Gustav Holst
* Congregational Response The Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication
*HYMN 93 "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

*CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE OF FAITH
* Benediction
* Postlude On Jordan's Stormy Banks Gardner Read

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Snyder.

TODAY: 4:00 - Middle High Youth
7:00 - Senior High Youth
7:30 - Board of Deacons

WE ARE PLEASED to recognize on this Scout Sunday Cub Pack 51 sponsored by this congregation. More than forty young boys meet weekly in the three Cub dens and one Webelo den. Nine adult leaders also meet with the Pack.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 7, 1982

JOB 7:1-7

Seeing a man who had been born blind, Jesus' disciples asked whose sin had caused the affliction, the man's or his parents'? Jesus challenged this belief that affliction is evidence of prior sin. So did *The Book of Job.* Job protested the orthodox "wisdom" that said: "The reward of virtue is prosperity. Human affliction is due to evident or hidden wickedness." And the cross turned that old belief upside down. Through Jesus' experience, we now see how virtue can cause suffering and how the readiness to undergo pain and adversity can reveal God-given goodness.

OUR HERITAGE IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

In 1792 the Christian Church was organized in the South by a group that had withdrawn from the Methodist Episcopal Church. Under the leadership of the Rev. James O'Kelly, five cardinal principles were adopted for the theological foundation of the new church:

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only head of the church.
2. Christian is a sufficient name for the church.
3. The Holy Bible is a sufficient rule of faith and practice.
4. Christian character is a sufficient test of fellowship and membership.
5. Private judgment and liberty of conscience is a right, privilege, and duty of all.

A close relationship soon developed with the followers of Abner Jones, in New England, and Barton W. Stone, in Kentucky. Together they formed the "Christian Connection."

The people in the western contingent of this "connection" eventually organized into the Disciples of Christ, while in 1922, the southern, northern, and Canadian contingent of the "connection," after years of negotiations, united as the Christian Churches. In 1931 this group joined the Congregational Churches. The Congregational-Christian Churches then merged with the Evangelical and Reformed Church in 1957 to establish the United Church of Christ.

Durward T. Stokes
Retired from Elon College
Graham, NC.

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PEOPLE CAME
TO HIM
FROM
EVERY
QUARTER
from every quarter
FROM EVERY QUARTER
EVERY QUARTER
FROM EVERY QUARTER
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February 14, 1982 11:00 a.m.

COME, LET US WORSHIP

PRELUDE Fugue in D Major G. F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit New Every Morning is the Love

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (All uniting)

*HYMN 12 From All that Dwell Below the Skies

*CONFESSION OF SIN (All uniting)
God, our Maker, to often we substitute our own wisdom and goodness for the way of life shown us by Jesus Christ. Open to us the simple, gentle, loving ways Jesus taught, and empower us by your Spirit so to live. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Gloria Patri

RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM Two Motets Christopher Tye
"O Come Ye Servants of the Lord"
"O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace"

SCRIPTURE II Kings 5:1-14; I Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Hymn 242 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

SERMON Washing and Cleaning Dr. Hamilton

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (All uniting)

THE MORNING PRAYERS

:SENTATION OF GIFTS

)ffertory Intermezzo E. H. Chipp

'ongregational Response The Doxology

rayer of Dedication

N 328 The Lord is Rich and Merciful

RGE TO THE PEOPLE OF FAITH

enediction

ostlude Carillon G. Young

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. nd Mrs. John Schmidt in memory of their parents.

AY: 6:00 - Middle High Youth at Wilkins
6:30 - Stewardship-Missionary Education Committee
7:00 - Music Committee
7:30 - Senior High Youth in Youth Room
7:30 - Board of Trustees

FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the pdyke Choral Center.

T SUNDAY, our Guest Minister will be Rev. Joyce B. yers, Southern Regional Secretary for the Office or Church Life and Leadership of the United Church f Christ.

THRIFT SHOP will be open Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

ICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

IES of the booklet of Annual Reports and Membership irectory are available in the narthex.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 14, 1982

MARK 1:40-45

In the early years of his ministry, Jesus was quite popular. Mark says that "people came to him from every quarter." It is easy to imagine crowds gathered about him at Tiberias, Capernaum, Magdala, and Nazareth: lepers, paralytics, tax gatherers, and ordinary village folk. Why then the conflict at Jerusalem and crucifixion at Skull Hill? Was it because Jesus not only offered healing, forgiveness, and strength, but challenged lapsed traditions? And, because he asked followers to heal, forgive, and strengthen others in his name, and demanded obedience to God's Reign?

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE WALLS

While Jesus spoke of visiting the imprisoned (Matt. 25: 36), our present day responsibility remains challenging. We are to visit, to care, to work with and for the imprisoned toward making the whole judicial system hopeful and just.

In the United States today, more than a half-million men and women are imprisoned in nearly 7,000 facilities, at a total annual cost of more than $5 billion. Only two countries in the world—the Soviet Union and South Africa—exceed the U.S. in the percentage of the total population who are incarcerated. And here, the large number of our prisoners are poor, unemployed, or of racial minorities.

Increasingly, we are recognizing that our entire judicial system may be unjust and in need of review. Yet, with only minor exception, we tend to ignore those behind bars. "Out of sight, out of mind" is the common attitude. Only when Attica-like violence breaks out do we stop to think.

Our denomination, together with fifteen others, works through JSAC—the Joint Strategy and Action Committee—to shape a common response to this situation. The imprisoned and their families depend on our ministry to them, both inside and outside the walls.

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YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN

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February 21, 1982 11:00 a.m.

COME, LET US WORSHIP

PRELUDE The Community Woodwind Quinte

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit New Every Morning is the Lo
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (All unitin
*HYMN 15 Praise to the Lord, the Almigh

*CONFESSION OF SIN
As we bear the name Christian, so are we also signs of your presence, O God. Yet we confess that we sometimes hurt others through our inconsiderations. Forgive us, and give us grace to be reminders of your love. Amen.
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Gloria Pat

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS
Offertory Prelude XXII (WTC) J. S. Ba
* Congregational Response The Doxolo
* Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:24-27; 1 Peter 2:4-
Anthem Come Jesus, Holy Son of God G.F. Hand
SERMON Standing on the Rock Rev. Mye

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (All unitin

THE MORNING PRAYERS

*HYMN 228 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE OF FAITH

* Benediction

* Postlude Prelude & Fugue in F Major J. S. Bach
(Charles Wilkins, Organist)

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Mrs. W. T. Scott, Sr. by Dr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Fields.

WE GLADLY WELCOME to our pulpit today the Rev. Joyce B. Myers. Joyce is an Elon College graduate and presently is Southern Region Associate of the United Church Office for Church Life and Leadership. We also welcome the woodwind quintet to our worship service today. The performers are Diane Amos, Flute, Mark Payne, Clarinet, Mark Hauser, Oboe, Larry Andrews, French Horn, and David Bragg, Bassoon.

TODAY: 6:00 Middle Hi Youth at Barbees
7:15 Senior Hi Youth in Youth Room

THE NOONTIME LENTEN STUDIES begin on Wednesday. Dr. Alfred Hurst will lead this week's session on "The Way of the Journey". Please bring a sack lunch beverage and dessert will be provided.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are available in the narthex. You are invited to participate in "Our Lord's Journey and Ours" by reading the texts listed for each day of Lent.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 21, 1982

MARK 2:1-12

Although many people believed it to be so, the paralysis of the man brought to Jesus was not the result of sin. Rather, as clinicians tell us today, a burdening sense of guilt can physically paralyze the body. Because this is so, it is important to be clear about the Christian faith. Christianity is not a religion that finally convicts us of sin. It finally assures us: "Your sins are forgiven." To have faith like that contributes to wholeness and strength. It promotes inner peace. It helps us toward attaining a sound mind in a sound body.

REFUGE IN SOMALIA

One of the largest concentrations of refugees in the world today is in one of the world's poorest countries—Somalia. A narrow country whose coastal regions stretch around the northeast corner of Africa, Somalia has been at war with Ethiopia over rights to the disputed Ogaden region for many years.

This war has sent an estimated 1.5 million people into the dry and barren plains of Somalia, seeking water and any blade of grass their herds can eat. Only about half of them have found their way to the 32 refugee camps that have been created for their care.

The ratio of refugees to the rest of the Somali population (approximately 1 to 4) has taxed the resources of this country beyond its capacity to respond. With little food of any kind locally available, with only sparse supplies of water that is often polluted, and with such medical problems as severe malnutrition, leprosy, bilharziasis, measles, and pneumonia, the need of these refugees is critical!

Church World Service is the agency through which the United Church of Christ and many other U.S. denominations work to meet this need. You assist in ministering to these refugees through your support of the annual One Great Hour of Sharing, our annual Lenten appeal.

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WILDERNESS

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February 28, 1982 First Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Hearken, Merciful Creator Marcel Dupr'é

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God has made a covenant with us. He is our God, we are his people. Like Abraham, we place our trust in God that he may lea us in our venture into unknown tomorrows

People: Wherever we are in our personal pilgrimages we pause to praise the goal of our journeys, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Introit The Glory of These Forty Days G.F. Hande

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 451 Turn Back, O Ma

A LITANY OF PILGRIMAGE (Insert

ANTHEM Become to Us the Living Bread Jane Marshal
(Rebecca Porter, Conductor)

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome and Announcements
Moment of Concern Mrs. Beth Wilkin
Old Testament Reading Genesis 9:8-1
New Testament Readings I Peter 3:18-2
Mark 1:12-1

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

* Hymn 329 O Jesus, Thou Art Standin

A LITANY OF PILGRIMAGE

L. Let us pray to the Lord in the words of the psalmist:

ALL: The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want:
He makes me lie down in green pastures.

L: The earth is the Lord's
and the fulness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein;
for he has founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the rivers.

P: He leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

L: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false,
and does not swear deceitfully.

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

L. He will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of his salvation.
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

P: Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of my enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup overflows.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever. Amen.

ermon The Covenant which Rises from Ashes
Dr. Hamilton

HE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Do Not I Love Thee, O My Lord G. Read
Congregational Response The Doxology
Prayer of Dedication
Hymn 371 He Who Would Valiant Be
Benediction

OSTLUDE Allegro Maestoso from the Water Music
G. F. Handel

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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HE ANTHEM this morning is conducted by Rebecca Porter, our student intern in Choral Music. Also participating are Ed Hillman, Liturgist, and Cris Bragg, Bells. We appreciate their assistance in our music.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Blake in memory of their fathers, Mr. D. D. Cobb and Mr. J. C. Blake.

ODAY: 12:30 Middle Hi Youth meet to go to the Circus
7:00 Outreach Committee
7:30 Senior Hi Youth

OMENTS OF CONCERN Emphasizing One Great Hour of Sharing are to be presented today and the next three Sundays. Mrs. Beth Wilkins is today's sharer.

HE NOONTIME LENTEN STUDIES continue each Wednesday. Dr. William Andes will lead this week's session. Please bring a sack lunch; beverage and dessert will be provided.

HE BLOODMOBILE will be at Jordan Gymnasium on Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We encourage your participation.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Sarah Primm at Memorial.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 1982
MARK 1:12-15

LENT

In the early centuries of Christian history, Lent began a the final, intensive period for the instruction of new convert for their baptism at Easter. The annual celebration of th death and resurrection of Jesus Christ was recognized a the most appropriate time for baptism; the baptized life is life in which one dies to sin and to the old life and in whic one is ever raised from death to a new life and a share i the new creation.

Lent later came to also include the reconciliation of thos who had lapsed from the faith. Easter was the time for ther to reaffirm the covenant previously established in the baptism.

Lent's scope was further enlarged when it became a tim for all the baptized to prepare to celebrate the death an resurrection of Jesus Christ, the central event of Christia faith.

Lent is therefore best understood as a time to reflect o the meaning of being joined to Christ in baptism. Lent lead us back to the baptismal font and into all that it means to b Christian. It is a time of repentance, of reaffirmation of th faith, of prayer and discipline, of rebirth and renewal. It is time to probe the questions of faith and life.

The dominant spirit of Lent should therefore not be t give up something, but to take up anew all that it means t belong to Christ.

Harold M. Danie
Joint Office of Worsh
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March 7, 1982 Second Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Fugue in F. Major, Op. 3 G.F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 366 God of Grace and God of Glory

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Choral Introit Lenten Canticle Thomas Campian

A LITANY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

ANTHEM A Blessing Martin Shaw

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome and Announcements
Moment of Concern Mr. Alan Youn
Old Testament Reading Genesis 22:1,2,9-
New Testament Readings Romans 8:31-
Mark 2"1-

The Pastor's Prayer for the People
* Hymn 397 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Spea
Sermon The New Perspective of Lent Dr. Hamilt

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory The Lord Is Ruler Over All H. Schue
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)
* Congregational Response The Doxolo
* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 341 Dear Lord and Father of Manki
* Benediction

A LITANY FOR GOD'D PEOPLE

The Lord God has called us to be his people, his Church. Let us respond with love and praise; You are the Light of the world. . let your light so shine before all, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5: 14, 16).

Through all times and places his word has proved true. Praise him forever for his faithfulness.

You are the church of God. . sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 1:2).

Through all times and places his word has proved true. Praise him forever for his faithfulness.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (I Peter 2:9).

Through all times and places his word has proved true. Praise him forever for his faithfulness.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20).

Through all times and places his word has proved true. Praise him forever for his faithfulness.

THE ANTHEM

A BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace.
Be of good courage; hold fast that which is good;
  render no man evil for evil.
Strengthen the faint hearted; Support the weak;
  help the afflicted;
Honor all men;
Love and serve the Lord,
Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
And the Blessing of God Almighty,
  the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
  be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen

horal Response	Agnus Dei	Healy-Willan
STLUDE	Fantasie in C Major	J.S. Bach

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CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. George Noah and Mrs. Virginia Richardson.

E ALTAR ARRANGEMENT Is given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Smith in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman Vestal.

DAY: 2:30 Workship on the Handicapped
6:00 Middle Hi Youth with Carter Gerlach
6:30 Stewardship and Missionary Education Com.
7:00 Middle Hi Executive Committee
7:00 Community Service Committee
7:00 Women's Executive Board
7:00 Music Committee
7:30 Board of Deacons

MENTS OF CONCERN emphasizing One Great Hour of Sharing are presented this month. Mr. Alan Young is today's sharer.

E NOONTIME LENTEN STUDIES continue each Wednesday. Mr. Ed Hillman will lead this week's session. Please bring a sack lunch; beverage and dessert will be provided.

E CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Mary Graham Mackintosh upon the death of Rev. T. H. Mackintosh on March 3.

SPITALIZED: Mr. Frank Piercy at Memorial.

E QUARTERLY MEETING of the Women's Fellowship is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Choral Center. The program on "Migrant Workers" will be presented by Mrs. Carolyn Lightbourne.

E MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the Choral Center. Mr. David Mittendorf will present the program.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 7, 1982
MARK 9:1-9

By a cloud, God had led Israel from Egypt into the Promised Land. Now, from a cloud, God was telling Peter, James, and John, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." God, who had rescued Israel from slavery, was offering deliverance in Jesus. That offer is made to us, too. To follow Jesus can lead from confusion and emptiness into life with a clear purpose. From overshadowing depression and sorrow, we can move into God-given joy. Instead of being destructive and self-indulgent, we can become people who participate in God's creative love for the world.

LITTLE HOUSE OF FREEDOM

"In all the time of our existence we have never closed the door on anyone," says Tilda Kemplen, founder of the Little House of Freedom in White Oaks, TN. "We're not about to start turning people away now."

This is the kind of determination you'd expect from a woman who decided to organize a day-care center for children labeled "mentally retarded" by school systems in Appalachian mountain communities. The problem with many such children, she felt, could be remedied by early attention to their educational needs. And she was right!

Starting with funds from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and others, the Little House of Freedom has grown from a house based child-care facility to a full service early childhood education center in a new building, complete with greenhouse and garden.

Mrs. Kemplen's Little House of Freedom is just one example of a badly needed service that was able to become a reality, partially from our contributions to Our Christian World Mission.

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TEMPLE

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March 14, 1982 Third Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Litanie Marcel Dup

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It is an awesome thing to stand in the presence of God.

People: As far as the heavens are above the earth God's ways are above our ways.

Leader: Still, we come with confidence, because i Christ we are called to be God's people.

People: Come, let us worship and bow down.

Choir: Come, Now Ye Blessed

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 263 Christ is Made the Sure Foundati

A LITANY OF COMMITMENT (Inse

ANTHEM Out of the Depths Alan Hovahn

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Concern Mr. Alan Yo

Old Testament Reading Exodus

New Testament Reading John 2:13

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

* Hymn 177 When I Survey the Wondrous Cr

Sermon Whose Church? Dr. Hamil

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Panis Angelicus Cesar Fra

(Charles Wilkins, Piano

A LITANY OF COMMITMENT

Pastor: Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

People: To the best of my ability, I will follow His way, believe the truth He taught, and live the life he lived.

Pastor: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfull the law of Christ."

People: I will live the sympathetic life, because it gives me the healing touch for the distress of others' hearts, the comfort for others' sorrows, and the cheer for others' discouragement.

astor: "Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

eople: I will practice patience. I will be patient with the faults of others and with my own strivings for virtuous living.

astor: "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, to be content.

eople: I will practice the spirit of contentment. I will not be envious, jealous, nor petulant, I will strive for the best in every situation, and will be content with the best possible returns.

astor: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

eople: I will practice fidelity in thought and action. I will be trustworthy. I will be true to my tasks, to my obligations to my fellow men, and to my vows to God.

astor: "In Thee, O God, do I hope, and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

eople: I will not fear nor despair. I will be hopeful. I will trust God and love my fellowmen with all my heart.

COME, NOW YE BLESSED

Come now you blessed, eat at my table,
Said Jesus Christ to the righteous above,
When I was hungry, thirsty and homeless
Sick and in prison, you showed me your love.

When you gave bread to the earth's hungry children,
When you gave shelter to war's refugees.
When you remembered those most forgotten,
You cared for me in the smallest of these.

Congregational Response	The Doxology
Prayer of Dedication	
Hymn 60	Savior Again to Thy Dear Name
Benediction	
Choral Response	Nunc Dimittis
Postlude	Canzona in d' minor

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome the brothers of Kappa Sigma. Greeters of the Day are Col. Dariel Burchfield and Mrs. Leroy Hughes.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. William Andes in memory of Rev. T. H. Mackintosh and in honor of Mrs. Mary Graham Mackintosh with grateful appreciation for their lives and ministry among us.

ODAY: 2:00 Rev. T. H. Mackintosh Memorial Service
5:00 Middle Hi Youth at Youngs
6:00 O.G.H.S. Family Night

AMILY NIGHT, sponsored by the Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee, is this evening at 6:00. The meal will be provided. Guest speaker is the Rev. Henry Atkins, former missionary to Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic.

HE SPECIAL OFFERING for One Great Hour of Sharing is next Sunday. Mr. Alan Young relates to us this morning another ministry through O.G.H.S.

HE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Updyke Choral Center. The program is to be presented by Dr. Allen Brantley.

HE NOONTIME LENTEN STUDIES continue each Wednesday. Rev. Richard Rinker will lead this week's session.

THER: Mr. Frank Piercy is a patient at Memorial Hospital ... Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning ... The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday morning at 10:30.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 14, 1982

JOHN 2:13-25

Jesus was indignant. The great Temple at Jerusalem was being violated. Consecrated as a center for devout worship and grateful dedication, the house of God had been turned into a "house of trade." Trade had its rightful place, of course. But this was not it. So Jesus drove out the merchants and their merchandise. Asked by what authority he thus acted, Jesus cited his coming death and resurrection. John's account suggests that God appointed Jesus to be a new and living Temple and that this Jesus is our Temple, the appropriate center of worship and devotion.

WHEN GIVING COMES HOME

The people of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Johnstown, PA, have always given to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. They never thought that they themselves might someday be recipients of the offering. But then, once when floods swept through their valley and destroyed their homes and businesses, they were.

Money from OGHS was sent to Johnstown to provide supplies of food, medicine, and blankets for emergency shelters. And, later, funds from OGHS helped to pay for some of the clean up operation. The people of St. Peter's will always remember!

Thus, the annual One Great Hour of Sharing all-church offering makes it possible for the United Church of Christ to respond to emergency needs created by natural disasters anywhere, at home or overseas. It also supports a wide variety of overseas development and social service work, and it is the primary support for our church's work with refugees.

When you are asked to give to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering this year, please give generously!

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NOW TO HIM WHO BY THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS TO ALL GENERATIONS, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

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IN MEMORIAM

THE REVEREND MR. THOMAS HAROLD MACKINTOSH

Two O'clock
March 14, 1982
Elon College Community Church
Elon College, North Carolina

ORGAN PRELUDE OF SACRED MUSIC

WORDS OF GRACE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 29 Now Thank We All Our Go

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS Psalm 46:1-7; Isaiah 52:7-1
Isaiah 53:4-1

CHORAL ANTHEM God of Our Life Arr. Davi

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Romans 8; Luke 10:30-3

ORGAN SOLO Adagio for Strings S. Barbe

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Psalter Reading 96, p. 5

MEDITATION Good Samaritans

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 306 For All The Sain

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

THE REVEREND MR. THOMAS HAROLD MACKINTOSH

ORN: October 29, 1902

INISTERIAL STANDING:
The Central New York Conference of
The United Methodist Church

SSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:
The Elon College Community Church

IFE:
Mrs. Mary Graham Mackintosh

ISTER:
Mrs. Lucille Bemiss

ROTHER:
Mr. Byron Mackintosh

IED: Wednesday, March 3, 1982

INISTRY OF MUSIC:
Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music/Organist
Elon College Community Church
The Adult Choir
Elon College Community Church

INISTRY OF THE WORD:
Dr. G. Robert McKenzie, Pastor
Front Street United Methodist Church
Dr. Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor
Elon College Community Church

HE FAMILY will be pleased to greet friends following the service.

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LIGHT

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March 21, 1982 Fourth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir
Henry Purce

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

People: Holy art Thou, loving Father;
holy art Thou, redeeming Son;
holy art Thou, life-giving Spirit.

Choir: The Glory of these Forty Days J. S. Ba

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 19 Praise the Lord, His Glories Sho

A LITANY FOR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (Insert

ANTHEM I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Thomas Talli

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome and Announcements
Moment of Concern Miss Kristin Wilki
New Testament Readings Ephesians 2:1-
John 3:14-

The Pastor's Prayer for the People
* Hymn 160 Beneath the Cross of Jes
Sermon Grace Heaped Upon Grace Dr. Hamilt

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory But the Lord is Mindful of His Own
F. Mendelsso

LITANY OF ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

L. Gracious God, you have created the earth to be the home of the whole human family. For your gifts of creation,

C. We are grateful, O God.

L. Yet, through greed or indifference on the part of those who have, there are millions who have not sufficient food, adequate water, or proper medical care. For our part in the neglect of our brothers and sisters,

C. We ask for forgiveness, O God.

L. Stir us to action for peace and justice, that all may enjoy the abundance of your creation.

C. Hear our prayer, O God.

L. Receive then the gifts we bring that they may be symbols of our new resolve to labor more diligently toward the end that none may hunger of thirst,

C. Through Jesus Christ we pray,

Amen.

Congregational Response The Doxology
Prayer of Dedication
Hymn 206 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim
Benediction
Choral Response Two-Fold Amen
Postlude Choral Boellman

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CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Howard Loy and Mrs. Jackie Pendergrass.

E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Robert Paul Everette, Sr. by Mrs. Everette and Family.

E CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets this evening at six o'clock in the Gregory Library.

E MIDDLE HI AND SENIOR HI YOUTH meet this evening with the Family Life Gathering.

E FAMILY LIFE GATHERING is this evening at 6:30 in the Senior Hi Room. Please bring a dessert to share.

EASE BE GENEROUS in your special offering today to One Great Hour of Sharing. The Moment of Concern is related to us today by Miss Kristin Wilkins.

CALLED MEETING of the Southern Conference will be held Wednesday at First Christian UCC for the purpose of acting on the nomination of Dr. Rollin Russell as the new Conference Minister.

TURDAY is Elon College Community Day at the Elon Home for Children. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. You are invited to attend any or all of the celebration, including lunch.

NGRATULATIONS to Stephen Clark Perry and Kimberly Joy Drummond whose Service of Marriage is celebrated today at Oakland Christian Church, Suffolk, Virginia.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 21, 1982

JOHN 3:14-21

Why do we call Jesus "the Light of the World?" For one thing, like the sun, Jesus is God's gift. God loved the world so much, says John, that God came in Jesus to transform its life. Light heals and renews. So does Jesus. He restores broken souls and gives new life to the spirit. Light generates light. In fact, all forms of illumination, heat, and energy are produced by sunshine. Jesus is like that. Let his spirit shine in you and your faith will become more enlightened, your mind more peaceful, your acts more loving, and your heart more radiant with joy.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Where do our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing go?

Our gifts go to work when disaster strikes, when displaced persons and refugees need aid, and when the hungry and thirsty need help so that they may help themselves. Our gifts go into these four types of service:

- Disaster Relief— when disasters devastate countries overseas or wreak havoc in our own country, our gifts provide emergency aid.
- Refugee Service— when refugees flee from their home countries and settle elsewhere or become displaced persons in camps around the world, our gifts assist them.
- Social Service— when persons need help in developing job skills or communities lack badly-needed social programs (often for the aged or handicapped), we respond.
- Development— when countries need agricultural techniques and programs in order to produce enough food to feed their people, we help them to help themselves.

Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing really do make a difference. Please give generously!

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WORLD

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Trip Walker and Cris Bragg, Acolytes

March 28, 1982 Fifth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a

PRELUDE Improvisations on "Avon" Nevett Bar

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the presence of God we bow our heads. As we draw near to God, he draws near to us.

People: He is our refuge and strength forever.

Unison: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.

Solo: Come Ye Blessed J. Sc
(Ann Bullard, Contralto)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 150 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How H

A LITANY FOR LENT (Ins

ANTHEM O Come and Mourn L. McGl

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome and Announcements
New Testament Readings Hebrews 5:
John 12:2

The Pastor's Prayer for the People
* Hymn 153 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty
Sermon Unless the Grain of Wheat . . .
Dr. Hami

A LITANY FOR LENT

L: "Many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, live as enemies of the cross of Christ."

P: For many it is the cross that is the stumbling block: the cross that symbolizes suffering, the cross that symbolizes denial. Yet there is no Christianity without the cross; there is no salvation without the cross.

L: "Our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body . . ."

P: There is the motivation that can make the cross a joy. There is the motivation that can make sense out of denial. The world, the flesh, and the devil offer pleasure for a moment; the cross of Jesus Christ promises glory forever.

ALL: Blessed be the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. By it are we sanctified; by it are we saved.

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Adagio from Concerto in c minor		A. Marcello
Congregational Response		The Doxology
Prayer of Dedication		
Hymn 376		Lead Us, O Father
Benediction		
Choral Response		Nunc Dimittis
Postlude	Pasticcio	Jean Langlais

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. We are also pleased to have Miss Ann Bullard assisting in the ministry of music. Ann is a business major at Elon College and a native of Mebane.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. Gray Lackey in honor of his great-grandmothers, Mrs. J. Q. Anderson and Mrs. J. L. Ervin.

TODAY: 5:00 Christian Education Committee
6:00 Middle Hi Youth at Barbees
7:00 Outreach Committee
7:30 Senior Hi Youth

THE LENTEN STUDIES continue on Wednesday at noon. Dr. W. W. Sloan will lead this week's session on "Journey to Authority".

THANKS for your gifts to date of $1,060.00 for the One Great Hour of Sharing.

THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE last Wednesday elected Dr. Rollin Russell as the new Conference Minister.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Drs. George and Carole Troxler upon the death of her father, Mr. Eugene Watterson of La Grange, Georgia, on March 22.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

DATES

April 8 Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion
April 11 Easter Breakfast, sponsored by Christian Ed.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 28, 1982
JOHN 12:20-33

A heaven there may be, but this world is obviously not it—not with its pain, grief, embedded evil, and seeming unworkability, as though life were to be forever "at sixes and sevens." Nevertheless, this is where reality is set, as we know it, and that makes startling the claim that God *loves* this world—indeed, has put the divine will to work to turn it around. Even though the world may be troublesome, it has not been abandoned by God. A cosmic wrestle is under way here, and in Jesus, God the Divine Wrestler calls us to join in the contest until it is won.

TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE

"They will know we are Christians by our love." It's an old, old theme! Loving one another and loving the world—as God does—is the very hallmark of a Christian lifestyle. Yet look about you: immense poverty, massive hunger, and overwhelming suffering mark our world.

Lent is an appropriate time for us to ask whether our lifestyle as Christians has become indistinguishable from that of the world about us. Long seen as a time for self-denial, Lent provides opportunity to not only deny self, but also to affirm others.

So, in some places, small groups of Christians have determined to eat less meat, to grow their own vegetables, to spend less on commercial entertainment, or to join a buying cooperative as a kind of witness to a simpler, more Christian lifestyle. It is not enough to avoid being part of the problem for those about us. We can do no less than to act in their behalf—both directly through such means as the One Great Hour of Sharing and indirectly through efforts to contain and redirect the powers and principalities that keep people poor, hungry, and suffering. This, too, is part of the lifestyle toward which we Christians move.

Charles W. Cooper, Jr.
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JERUSALEM

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April 4, 1982 Palm Sunday 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Christ is Made the Sure Foundation H. Purce

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155 All Glory, Laud and Hon

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Choral Introit Draw Nigh to Jerusalem
David H. Willia

A LITANY FOR PALM SUNDAY (Inser

ANTHEM Fanfare for Palm Sunday K. K. Dav

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome and Announcements
New Testament Readings Hebrews 12:1
Mark 11:1-

The Pastor's Prayer for the People
* Hymn 204 Rejoice The Lord is King
Sermon Unholstered and Vulnerable

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Adagio from Concerto No. 3 J. S. Ba
* Congregational Response The Doxolo
* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 175 Ride on, Ride on in Majes
* Benediction
* Choral Response A Blessing M. Sh
* Postlude Fantasia in G Major J. S. Ba

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeter of the Day is Mr. Earl Vickers.

THE ALTAR ARRANGEMENT OF PALMS is given to the Glory of God in memory of Reverend John R. Kittenger and Patricia Kittenger by the Family. Following the Service, the palm branches will be distributed in the narthex.

TODAY: 5:00 Middle Hi Youth at Blakes
6:30 Worship Committee
7:00 Music Committee
7:30 Board of Deacons
7:30 Senior Hi Youth

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet briefly, following the Morning Service.

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week, as announced in "The Torch".

THE NOONTIME LENTEN STUDIES conclude this Wednesday. Dr. W. W. Snyder will lead this session on Journey to Judgment.

THE MAUNDY THURSDAY Service of Meditation and Altar Communion begins at 7:30.

COPIES of the April issue of "The Southern Conference News" are available in the narthex.

CONGRATULATIONS to E. Stanton Harris, Jr. and Fay Marie Bowman whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

EASTER SUNDAY
8:30 Congregational Breakfast in the Parish House
9:45 Church School
11:00 Worship with Holy Communion

RESERVATIONS for the Easter Breakfast may be placed today or called in by tomorrow morning. Forms are available in the narthex.

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 1982

MARK 11:1-11

TODAY THE PALMS . . .

The sublime drama at the heart of the faith now begins. Jesus rides into the royal city like a victorious King. The crowds chant "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" But soon the acclamations will be stilled by angry cries for blood. Today the palms . . . tomorrow the passion. After this moment of glory there is suffering.

In riding into the royal city, Jesus rode directly into the center of the conflict. He who was God's greatest gift to the world—perfect goodness and truth—would be killed by forces of evil and falsehood. But the way of the cross is the way to resurrection victory. The passion is the path to Easter joy. The entry into Jerusalem not only marked Jesus' triumph as Messiah, but also opened the way to the greater triumph to be achieved in Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

Today we wave palms and shout for joy, and then we are silenced by the solemn memory of Jesus' suffering and death. But through it all we still dare to say, "Jesus Christ is Lord!" for we know the outcome of the drama. We can see the empty tomb and are assured that Jesus Christ IS Lord, in spite of everything!

Harold M. Daniels
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RUSHED
FOR OUR SINS

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
April 8, 1982

CHORALE PRELUDES

Drop, Drop Slow Tears — Persichett
Thee We Adore — Peeters

HYMN 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

LITANY FOR HOLY WEEK

Pastor: Our hearts are heavy as we worship the Lord.
People: He dies for our sins.
Pastor: We watch with horror as we anticipate his death on the cross.
People: He dies for our sins.
Pastor: We see the evil in the world around him.
People: He dies for our sins.
Pastor: We, too, deny our Lord.
People: He dies for our sins.
Pastor: We, too, betray our Lord.
People: He dies for our sins.
All: Forgive us, Lord, and love us. Amen.

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL
Matthew 26:20-25
Response to the Word — Hymn 341, Stanza

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION
Matthew 26:31-35
Response to the Word — Hymn 326, Stanza

THE AGONY OF SOUL
Luke 22:39-44
Response to the Word — Hymn 374, Stanzas 1-

THE HOUR HAS COME
John 17:1-6
Response to the Word — Hymn 268, Stanza

THAT THEY MAY BE ONE
John 17:15-22
Response to the Word — Hymn 268, Stanza 3

THE ARREST AT THE GATE
John 18:1-5
Response to the Word — Hymn 333, Stanza 3

THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS
Mark 15:16-20
Response to the Word — Hymn 177, Stanzas 1-3

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Jesus, you have died that we might live.
People: Humbly, we thank you.
Pastor: You have suffered that we might be forgiven.
People: Humbly we thank you.
Pastor: You will rise again that we might have eternal life.
People: Humbly, we thank you.
Pastor: Make us strong in our faith and secure in our hope that we may die to rise again with you.
People: Humbly, we ask you. Amen

THE TABLE COMMUNION

(Participants may come forward individually for private communion. After communing, please return to a pew for private meditation until all have communed.)

BENEDICTION.

Alleluia OCCASIONS IS 53:5

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ALIVE!

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April 11, 1982 Easter Sunday 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Piece Heroique Cesar Franc

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Ande

Pastor: Yesterday the world was dark:
the curtain of the temple was rent,
the earth shook, even guards wondered
if this man was Son of God.

People: Today the world rejoices,
for the risen Savior lives again among us
All praise to Jesus Christ.

All: Christ the Lord is risen.
He is risen indeed.

*PROCESSIONAL 182 Christ the Lord is Risen Toda

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 24:1-

ANTHEM Forth He Came at Easter
David H. Willia

THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Easter Responsive Prayer (insert

THE OFFERING
Offertory Duet "O Death, Where is Thy Sting"
G. F. Hand
(Mary Ann Johnston, Soprano)
(David Vaughan, Tenor)

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON God's Surprise Dr. Hamilto

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR EASTER

ASTOR: Come, Lord, minister to us as you did the disciples.

OPLE: Roll back the rock from our tomb of despair.

STOR: As you called Mary by name that Easter morning.

OPLE: come and call us by name and give us new hope.

STOR: As you lifted the sadness from the hearts of those who were mourning,

OPLE: so lift our spirits.

STOR: The world around us reminds us of your renewing power. That which seemed dead in the cold winter seems now to come alive again.

OPLE: Let that remind us, Lord, that we can be renewed.

STOR: That which was dark and dull has color again.

OPLE: Let that remind us of the beauty of spirit that can come to us when we grow in your love and goodness.

TOR: The lilies of the altar are like trumpets announcing your living power.

PLE: Let them remind us of the good news announced to us in the resurrection.

TOR: Lord, we are grateful for life

PLE: and for the promise of life to come.

TOR: We praise you for showing us the kind of love that never gives up, that hopes all things, that is eternal.

PLE: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you forever.

FORTH HE CAME AT EASTER

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never He would wake again.
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE The Hallelujah Chorus
The Apocalypse 19:6; 11:15

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The Kingdom of this world is become the kingdom
of our Lord, and of his Christ;
And he shall reign for ever and ever.
King of kings and Lord of lords. Hallelujah.

THE EASTER BANNER illustrates symbols of Easter.
Green - life, growth, and the Trinity
Yellow - the Glory of God and the might of his people
Violet - the Kingship of Christ
The sun reveals the joy and hope that dispels the darkness and despair of sin.
The butterfly symbolizes the Resurrection of our Lord a reminder of the most beautiful miracle of all.

EASTER LILIES are placed in the chancel
in memory of Mr. John Barney
by his family
in memory of Mr. Walter C. Perry, Jr.
and in honor of Mrs. Estelle L. Perry
by their children
in honor of their mothers
by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Hamilton

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Invitation
Communion Collect
General Confession, Hymnal page 495
Assurance of God's Forgiveness
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
The Communion
Prayer of Thanksgiving, Hymnal page 496
HYMN 193 Thine Is The Glory

BENEDICTION
Cong. Response The Hallelujah Chorus G. F. Handel

(The congregation is invited to participate in the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from The Messiah.)

ELCOME to all who share our worship on this Easter Sunday and especially to the visitors among us. Visitors are asked to sign the Guest Register in the narthex or one of the cards in the pews. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Howard Loy and Mrs. Virginia Richardson.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Price, Jr. in honor of the church membership.

UR PRACTICE is to observe "Open Communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

ODAY: 7:30 Senior Hi Youth

HANKS to all who prepared, served, and attended the breakfast this morning.

RTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

EASTER

APRIL 11, 1982
MARK 16:4

WITH THE STONE ROLLED AWAY

With the stone rolled away came emptiness
of a tomb that held captive the crucified,
of the space that was once filled with death,
of the cross that now pointed to greater truth
of God's love in spite of ourselves.
With the stone rolled away came questions
from those whose world lay shattered,
from those who would demand living proof,
from those who were seeking a sign of promise
breeding confidence, assurance, and trust.
With the stone rolled away came light
to illumine the darkness of suspicion and fear,
to dispel the shadows of distrust, anxiety, insecurity,
to radiate with the beams of new hope
and understanding
the life about to be lived.
With the stone rolled away comes a future
with a truth that outshines the wisdom of ages,
with space to be filled with the Kingdom of God,
with the company of those who through history confess
Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Amen.

James G. Kirk
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April 18, 1982 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Vater umser im Himmelreich D. Buxtehu

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Good Christian Men Rejoice and Si
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Our Father, as we turn our minds and spirits to you in worship, may we be persuaded again of your presence with us, your love for us, and your guidance to us. In the name of Jesus we pray, as he taught us:
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 199 Crown Him with Many Crowns

THE LIVING WORD
Epistle Lesson I John 5:1
Gospel Lesson Mark 4:35-
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Solo I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
(Denise Joines, Soprano)
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 212 Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word
Sermon All is calm; All is bright

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Anthem All in the April Evening Roberton
(Rebecca Porter, Conductor)

The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 202 Jesus Shall Reign

Benediction

Postlude Gloria Johann Kindermann

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TODAY: 5:00 Middle Hi Youth
6:00 Middle Hi Spaghetti Supper
6:30 Senior Hi Spaghetti Supper
7:00 Senior Hi Youth

MONDAY: 7:00 Stewardship/Missionary Ed Committee

TUESDAY: 10:00 a.m. Fun Club
7:00 p.m. Christian Ed Committee

WEDNESDAY: 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY: 6:30 Area Churchmen's Fellowship

NEXT SUNDAY: 6:00 Covered Dish Family Night with a Panel to discuss New Initiatives in Church Development.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of January - March contributions are available in the narthex. Please secure your envelope.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Paul Reddish at Memorial.

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

APRIL 18, 1982

I JOHN 5:1-6

A *New Yorker* cartoon has a preacher in his pulpit telling the congregation, "I'm O.K. and you're O.K.," while the people answer, "Amen, brother, you're O.K. and we're O.K." That picture is not one we get from the writer of *I John.* He sees the world gripped by "the evil one." It is a world that put Jesus to death and that tests us to our core. But, he says, God gives power to survive and know victory. That victory is God's gift. We gain it by faith in the risen Christ. We are to respond to it by loving others who, like us, also struggle to overcome the world.

A PEACEMAKING CHURCH

Is the United Church of Christ a peacemaking church? A quick look at our General Synod priorities and our church's mission and ministry clearly reveals that the answer is YES!

Last June, delegates to the Thirteenth General Synod of our UCC overwhelmingly voted to make peace and peacemaking a top priority of our denomination for the next four years. Our UCC president, Dr. Avery Post, asked the delegates this question concerning the arms race: "Do you doubt that this is a fundamental issue of justice for our children, grandchildren, and the future of the globe?"

And Dr. Zelle Andrews, director of our UCC Peace Advocacy Project says, "We must face this issue as a community of church people—of people who have faith in the God of all creation, and in Jesus Christ who, by his life and teachings, called us as believers to be peacemakers, the children of God."

"We may disagree about how to achieve peace," Dr. Andrews says. But the diversity of our UCC has always been our greatest strength. And through our diversity, we must continue to witness for peacemaking in whatever way we can—we *are*—a peacemaking church!

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April 25, 1982 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Caprice in c minor Maurice Gree

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit
We ask that you refresh and renew and heal us,
that we may live with purpose and courage after
the manner of Jesus who was truly whole.
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 464 Praise to God, Immortal Prai
THE LIVING WORD
Epistle Lesson I John 2:1
Gospel Lesson Luke 8:4-
* The Gloria Patri
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Solo Father Into Thy Hands T. Dub
(Jon Siebrandt, Tenor)
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 350 O For A Closer Walk with
Sermon The Sowers Go Out To Sow Dr. Hamil
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Anthem Christ, We Do All Adore Thee
T. Dub

The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts
ING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 252 O Word of God Incarnate
Benediction
Postlude Finale from Snyphony No. 1 Louis Vierne

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UDENTS from the Williams High School Choral Department, directed by Thomasene Sparks and accompanied by David Vaughan, share in leading our Service of Worship today. We are very appreciative of their participation.

DAY: 5:00 Middle Hi Youth
6:00 Family Night
7:30 Senior Hi Youth

E FAMILY NIGHT this evening is a covered dish supper sponsored by the Stewardship/Missionary Education Committee. A panel of the committee will lead the discussion on New Initiatives in Church Development.

E CONGREGATION is cordially invited to attend the organ recital by Jeannette Hassell at our church on Saturday, May 1, 1982, at 2:00 p.m.

E ELON COLLEGE CHOIR, directed by James Glenn, is performing the Mozart Requiem on Thursday, April 29, 1982, in Whitley Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

NGRATULATIONS to Forrest B. Johnson and Gail R. Reynolds whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

THER: Mr. Phil Marino is a patient at County Hospital and Mrs. Paul Reddish at Memorial . . .

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

APRIL 25, 1982

I JOHN 2:1-6

"We're on your side," an insurance advertisement assures you, and you'd like to believe it. Heaven knows, enough seems to go against you! Life sours: you make a serious mistake, relations with people get strained, and friends become "Job's comforters" who misread your needs. Then, a New Testament writer asks you to think of Jesus Christ as an advocate ("one called to the side of"). Now you have a right to wonder. Can you believe that Jesus Christ as Advocate is really *for* you? Can you trust the New Testament promise of help? Would you put it to a full test?

FAITH AND LEARNING TOGETHER

Zacharis Ursinus, renowned 16th-century scholar who taught at Heidelberg University, Germany, would probably be surprised to learn that a college in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, bears his name. He would probably also wonder how his own university would be reincarnated, in part, as a college in Tiffin, Ohio.

But both Ursinus College and Heidelberg College, two colleges related to our United Church of Christ, now stand as a tribute to the strong desire of our UCC forebears to keep learning and faith together.

Ursinus and Heidelberg are two of 47 educational institutions related to our United Church of Christ today. They include 30 colleges, two academies, and 15 theological seminaries, and they are located in 28 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Altogether, they enroll some 40,000 students!

We help to maintain ties and celebrate our heritage with these educational institutions through the Council for Higher Education of the United Church of Christ—a Council that is served through our gifts to *Our Christian World Mission.*

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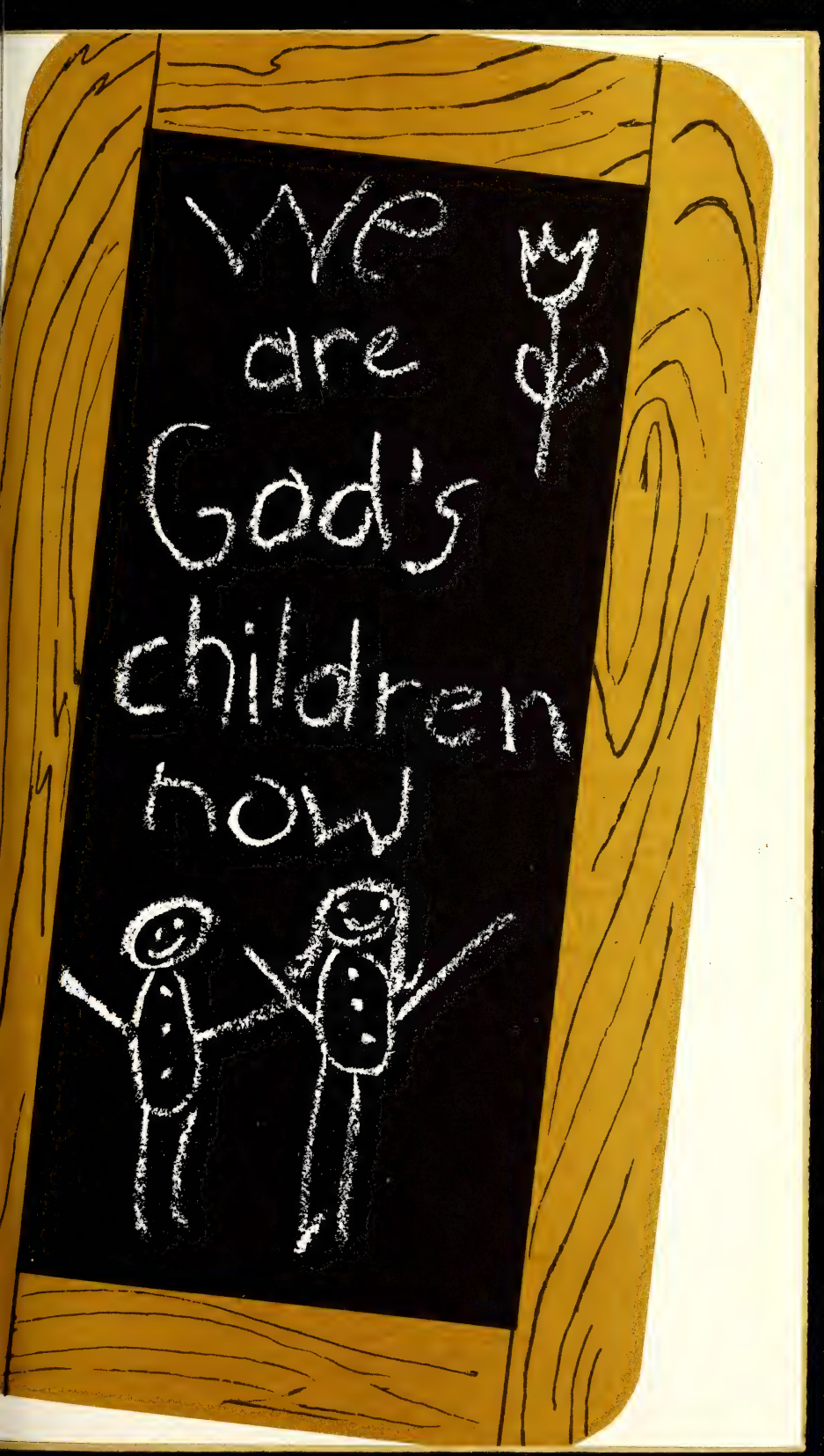
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May 2, 1982 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Sonata III in F Major G.F. Hande
(Avie Barilovits, Violin)

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
* Processional 7 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wis
Prayer of Invocation (All uniting
Almighty God, deepen within us the sense of thy holy presence and refresh us in this hour with thy holy power. Confirm our faith, we pray, by bringing us close to things infinite and eternal. In the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.
Choral Introit Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Si

THE LIVING WORD
Psalter Reading 95 Psalm 100 P. 53
* The Gloria Patri
New Testament Readings I John 3:1-
John 10:1-1
Anthem Ave Verum W. Mozar
Elon College Octet
Avie Barilovits, Violin
Rebecca Porter, Conductor

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Dawn Hymn A. Hovhanes
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GH SCHOOL SENIORS who wish to apply for a Churchmen's Fellowship college scholarship should see the Pastor today.

XT SUNDAY, our Service of Worship will be led by our Middle Hi Youth.

E CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Johnston upon the death of his father, Mr. Leslie C. Johnston, Sr., of Holland, Virginia on April 27.

E MEN'S FELLOWSHIP invites the congregation and community to a showing of the film, Quest II, on May 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House. Coach Wright Anderson will also address the group.

SPITALIZED: Mrs. Paul Reddish at Memorial (SND).

HE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Recognition of New Members
Ritual of Friendship
Hymn 98 My God, I Thank Thee
Sermon What are the Keys? Dr. Hamilton
OING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 345 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
Benediction
Choral Response Nunc Dimittis
Postlude Toccata in c minor Boellmann

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 2, 1982

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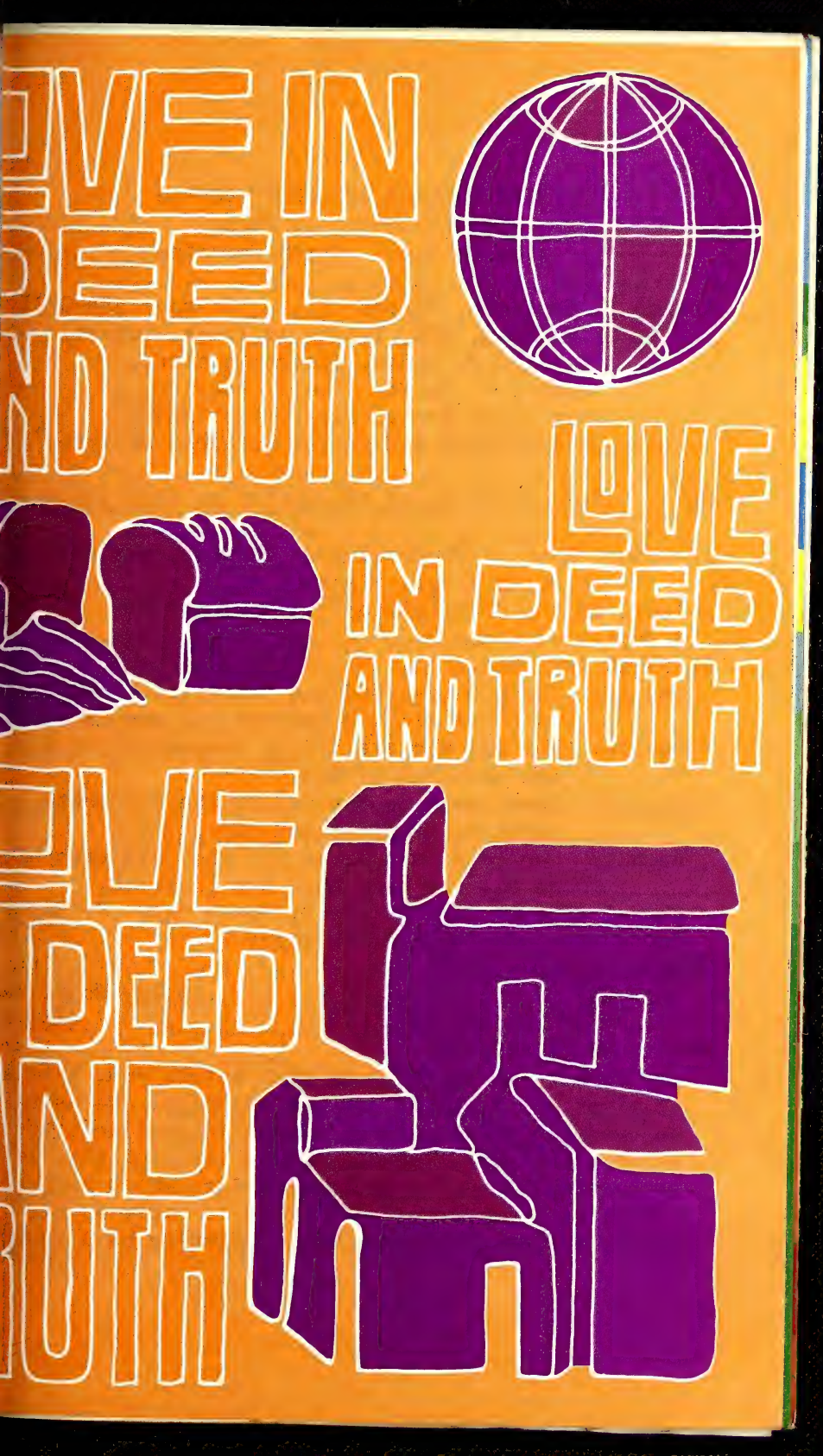
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May 9, 1982 Festival of the Christian Home 11:00 a.m

Prelude Hymn of Thanksgiving Netherlands Folk Son
(Cris Bragg, Piano)
Welcome to the Congregation
A Moment of Concern
WE ENTER THE TEMPLE
Leader: There is one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in you al
People: For all who are led by the spirit of God are children of God.
Leader: Come, walk in the way of the Lord with songs of gladness and joy.
People: The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.
Choral Introit Our Father By Whose Name J. Edward
Invocation and the Lord's Prayer
PRAISE TO GOD
* Hymn 251 Holy, Holy, Hol
Litany of Praise (Insert
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Our Father, we confess our sins before you, because at times our families are not at peace. We have enjoyed the privileges of living in families, but we have neglected the responsibilities of that life We have spoken words and done things which hurt eac other; we have caused each other to worry by our insensitivity to one another. Often we have ignore

LITANY OF PRAISE

eader: Let us praise God:
For our fathers and mothers, by whom he orders lives and comforts hearts, bringing strength to a house and sweetness to labor; may he hallow their work and direct their ways;

eople: GOD BE PRAISED FOR GOOD FATHERS AND MOTHERS.

eader: For the gift of children; may he help us to train them to be reverent and truthful, that they may gladden our hearts and bring joy to the world;

eople: GOD BE PRAISED FOR CHILDREN.

eader: For good friends to rejoice with us in our joys, to cheer us in trouble and to lighten our tasks; may he help us to repay them in fellowship and service;

eople: GOD BE PRAISED FOR OUR FRIENDS.

eader: For joy that heightens all our life and doubles our powers; may he help us to kindle it in the hearts of others by the gladness of our face;

eople: GOD BE PRAISED FOR JOY.

eader: For mirth, that unites us with others and refreshes us for our work; may he help us to keep it kind and true;

eople: GOD BE PRAISED FOR MIRTH.

eader: For health, bringing wholesomeness of body and mind; may he help us to give our strength to his service;

eople: GOD BE PRAISED FOR HEALTH.

eader: Let us praise God for life.

eople: ALL PRAISE BE TO GOD. AMEN.

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Sermon — What are the Keys? — Dr. Hamilton

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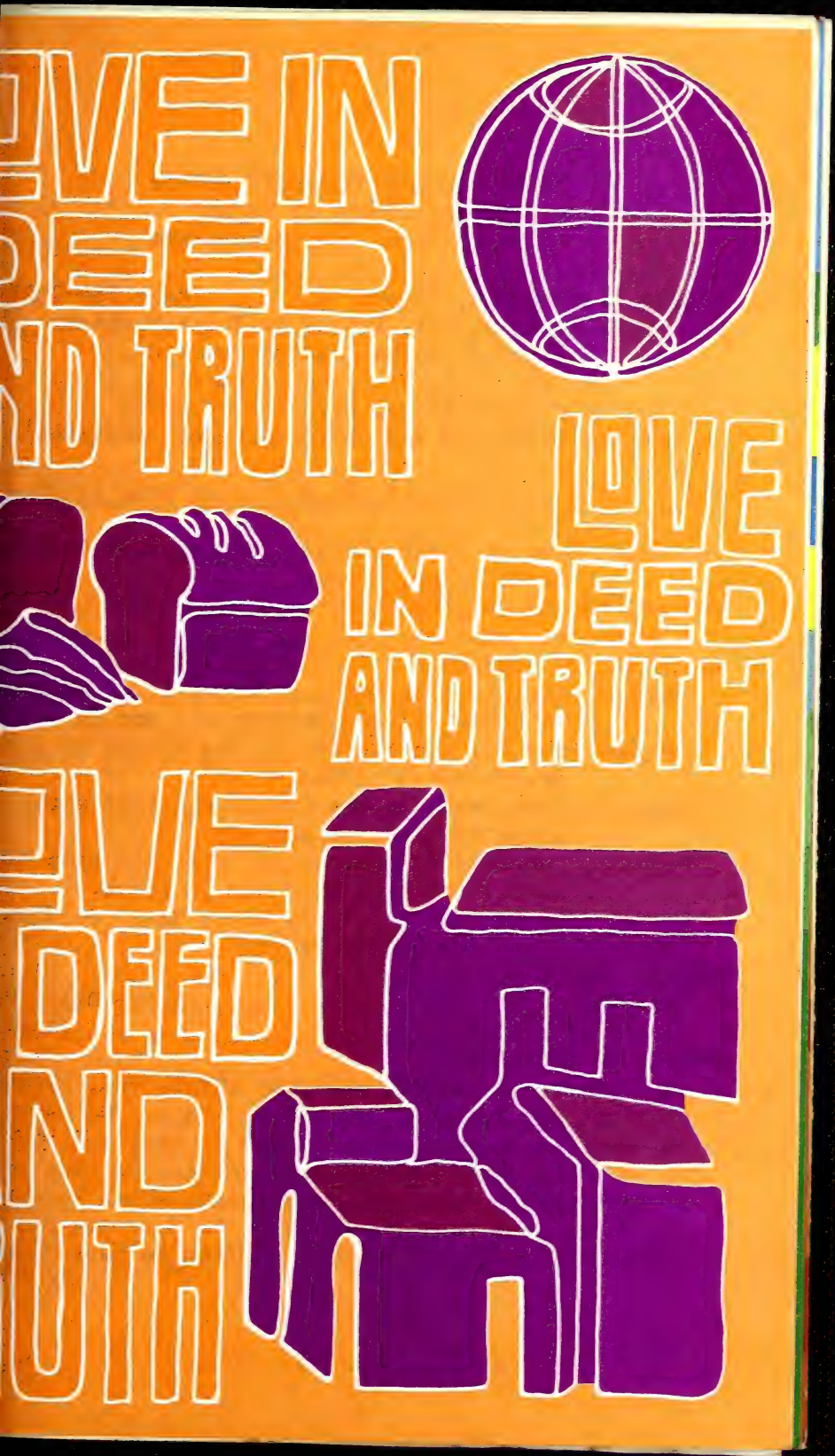
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Leader: Come, walk in the way of the Lord with
songs of gladness and joy.
People: The Lord is near to all who call upon him
to all who call upon him in truth.
Choral Introit Our Father By Whose Name J. Edwar
Invocation and the Lord's Prayer
PRAISE TO GOD
* Hymn 251 Holy, Holy, Ho
Litany of Praise (Inser
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Our Father, we confess our sins before you, becaus
at times our families are not at peace. We have
enjoyed the privileges of living in families, but
we have neglected the responsibilities of that lif
We have spoken words and done things which hurt ea
other; we have caused each other to worry by our
insensitivity to one another. Often we have ignor

LITANY OF PRAISE

eader: Let us praise God:
For our fathers and mothers, by whom he orders lives and comforts hearts, bringing strength to a house and sweetness to labor; may he hallow their work and direct their ways;

eople: GOD BE PRAISED FOR GOOD FATHERS AND MOTHERS.

eader: For the gift of children; may he help us to train them to be reverent and truthful, that they may gladden our hearts and bring joy to the world;

eople: GOD BE PRAISED FOR CHILDREN.

eader: For good friends to rejoice with us in our joys, to cheer us in trouble and to lighten our tasks; may he help us to repay them in fellowship and service;

eople: GOD BE PRAISED FOR OUR FRIENDS.

eader: For joy that heightens all our life and doubles our powers; may he help us to kindle it in the hearts of others by the gladness of our face;

eople: GOD BE PRAISED FOR JOY.

eader: For mirth, that unites us with others and refreshes us for our work; may he help us to keep it kind and true;

eople: GOD BE PRAISED FOR MIRTH.

eader: For health, bringing wholesomeness of body and mind; may he help us to give our strength to his service;

eople: GOD BE PRAISED FOR HEALTH.

eader: Let us praise God for life.

eople: ALL PRAISE BE TO GOD. AMEN.

TODAY: 6:00 Middle Hi Youth at David and Jane Young's
7:00 Finance Committee
7:15 Senior Hi Youth

THE PARISH HOUSE NEEDS-ANALYSIS COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:30.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP invites the congregation and community to a showing of Quest II Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

E.N.C. DAY will be celebrated May 15 at the Elon Home for Children. Come about 10:30 and bring a picnic lunch. There will be a play, a film, and get acquainted and recreational activities.

FAMILY NIGHT next Sunday evening at 6:30 is a covered dish supper. Mr. Ed Hillman will report on his recent study seminar in Mexico.

THE SPECIAL OFFERING for New Initiatives in Church Development will be received next Sunday.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Paul Reddish is a patient at Memorial Hospital (SND).

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

the needs of our brothers and sisters all over the world. Forgive us, and help us to lead new lives. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SSURANCE OF PARDON

ORD OF GOD

Anthem	A Blessing (David Bragg, Flute)	Natalie Sleeth
Scripture Readings		Acts 9:26-31 I John 3:18-24
Hymn 447	O God of Love, O King of Peace	
Sermon	A Family Affair	Mr. Hillman

UR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Offering		
Offertory	Chorale from "Finlandia"	J. Sibelius
Doxology		
Prayer of Dedication		
Statement of Faith		(All Uniting)
Hymn 481	I Sing a Song of the Saints of God	
Benediction		
Choral Response	Agnus Dei	Healy-Willan
Postlude	Antiphon No. I	G. Young

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IDDLE HI YOUTH leading the Service today are: John Barbee, Jenny Blake, Lee Blanchard, Cris Bragg, John Davis, Keith Fogleman, Carter Gerlach, David Harper, Tripp Walker, Kristin Wilkins, David Young, and Jane Young. Counselors for the youth are Ed Hillman and Jim and Vicki Holmes.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 9, 1982
I JOHN 3:18-24

To go to church can be dangerous. We can sing, pray, and talk about love, then feel that we have actually put love into action when, in fact, we have not. How comfortable it is to bask in a cozy group of fellow church-members, many of them congenial friends. The gospel calls us out of non-action like that. It asks us to make love a verb, to give practical help to people who may live far from the door of our church, but for whom our love can mean a better life. Both the church and the world can thus be a true family of God because of our deeds of love.

WORDS INTO DEEDS

As a church we have said the right words: We have a firm commitment to the equality of women and men.

- We believe in equal pay for work.
- We know that women and men have equally significant contributions to make.
- We want men and women to participate equally in policy making within the church.
- We say that in the family both should share responsibility for home and children.

We've said it all!

But what are the facts that confront us? In many local churches women do not share in decision making; women employed by the church continue to make lower salaries than their male counter parts; clergywomen have difficulty getting placement commensurate with their abilities and training; in many of our families there are still strict definitions and unequal distribution of "women's work" and "men's work."

It is time for the right action! It is time to express ourselves in deed and truth. Let's celebrate the family we are as a church. We are challenged as people of God, who has created all equal, to live out that equality in our homes, our church, and our society.

Patricia K. Miller
Assistant for Communications
Coordinating Center for Women
in Church and Society

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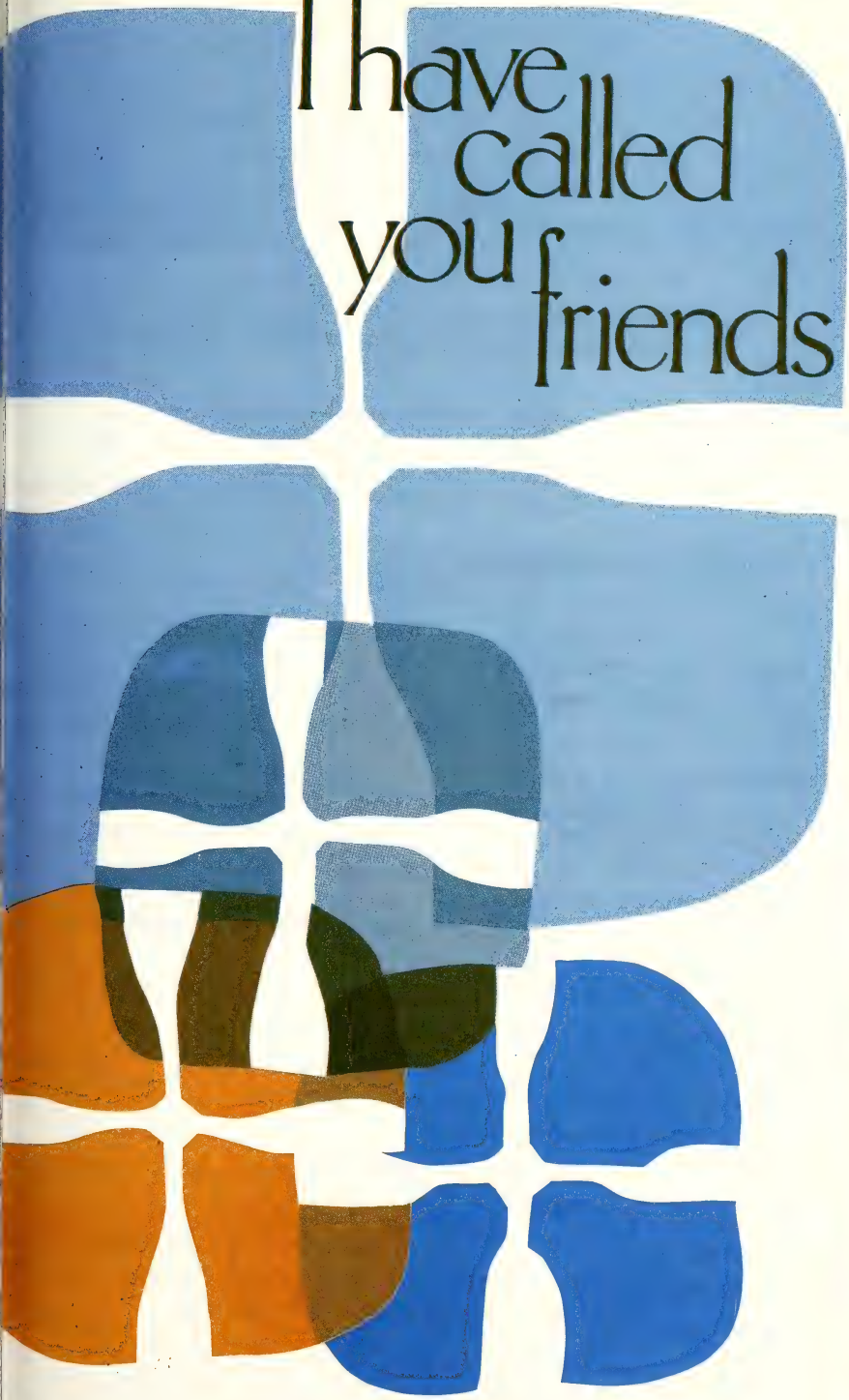
I have called you friends



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May 16, 1982 11:00 a.m.

COME, LET US WORSHIP

PRELUDE We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit D. Buxtehud

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit New Every Morning Is the Lov
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (All Uniting
*HYMN 228 Love Divine, All Loves Excellin

*CONFESSION OF SIN
We give thanks, Creator God, for all that fills our lives with joy: the love of family and friends, the comfort of home, the challenge of work, the delight of leisure. Forgive us that too often these, and other gifts you give, are taken for granted.
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Gloria Pat

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS
Offertory Offertorium C. Fran
* Congregational Response The Doxolo
* Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE I John 4:9-16; John 15:9-
Anthem Sing Unto Him John Ness Be
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)

NEW INITIATIVES CHURCH VELOPMENT

FOR NEARLY 20 CENTURIES Christian people have been responding to the commission of Christ to proclaim his gospel everywhere. And that commission continues to challenge us today.

MISSION has always been at the very center of our life in the United Church of Christ.

- In the early 17th century our Pilgrim forebears established Congregational churches in New England.
- In the 18th century German Reformed churches were started in Pennsylvania.
- In the 19th century Evangelical churches were established in Missouri and Christian churches in North Carolina and Virginia.
- In the 1950's and 1960's our own Southern Conference was instrumental in establishing a number of new congregations in new communities.
- Today the need for new churches is greater than ever, and the United Church of Christ has launched a plan to establish many new churches in the years immediately ahead.

HE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE has accepted a goal of $150,000 for NEW INITIATIVES IN CHURCH DEVELOP-MENT, and you may have a part in this significant effort by haring in the NICD offering received by your local church.

VHAT IS YOUR FAIR SHARE? That, of course, can be etermined only by you. A suggestion is that you plan to ive one or two hours of pay, or between 1% and 2% of one nonth's income. Whatever you give will be of great benefit nd will help fulfill the great commission of Christ.

ERMON Abide in Love Dr. Hamilton

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HE STATEMENT OF FAITH (All uniting)

HE MORNING PRAYERS

YMN 150 O Love, How Deep (1-3)

HARGE TO THE PEOPLE OF FAITH

Benediction

Choral Response God Be With You

Postlude Prelude in G Major William Walond

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. Ferris Reynolds by the Family.

E ARE PLEASED to welcome the return of Miss Nancy Thomas as our guest organist.

HE BULLETIN INSERT emphasizes our concern to support generously the special offering for New Initiatives in Church Development (NICD).

HE FAMILY NIGHT this evening begins at 6:30 with a covered dish dinner. Beverage will be provided. The program will be a report from Mr. Ed Hillman on his recent study seminar in Mexico.

HE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Updyke Choral Center.

HE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the Gregory Library.

HE ANNUAL Service of Worship to honor Elon College Seniors will be held here Saturday at 4:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Robert Marr of Suffolk Va. The congregation is invited.

UR MIDDLE HI YOUTH this weekend are holding a retreat at the Crumpton Center.

OSPITALIZED: Mrs. Paul Reddish at Memorial (SND)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 16, 1982
JOHN 15:9-17

It is easy to regard the church as an organization which has been formed to serve the interests and needs of its members. In one sense, that is true. In many ways, the church is quite human. There is a sense, however, in which the church is more than a human creation. It traces its origin to God's gift of the Spirit and, as John's Gospel tells us, to election as a community of God's friends. Not only were we chosen to be God's friends, we are to befriend each other within the household of faith and, in warm-hearted concern, to serve all humankind.

"FARM AFTER FARM STANDS EMPTY"

Darkened, empty farmhouses surround the farm where Ruth Ellen and LaVern Truby live in northeast Nebraska's Cedar County. More than three-fourths of their neighbors have moved away.

"Farm after farm stands empty," says Ruth Ellen. "We've almost seen it settled and unsettled in our lifetime."

In Cedar County, as in other parts of our country, small farms are being forced to close by inflation, unfavorable taxes, and prices. More than 1,100 churches in our United Church of Christ are in farm or open country where small farmers are being swallowed up by private investors and corporations.

One way the UCC is reaching out to struggling farmers is through the Small Farm Energy Project, a project our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries helped to start. The project helps family farmers to save money by using alternative forms of energy.

"As well as suggestions, we found encouragement and support," Ruth Ellen Truby says of this project—just one of many UCC projects focused on American farm life that we help to support through our regular gifts to *Our Christian World Mission.*

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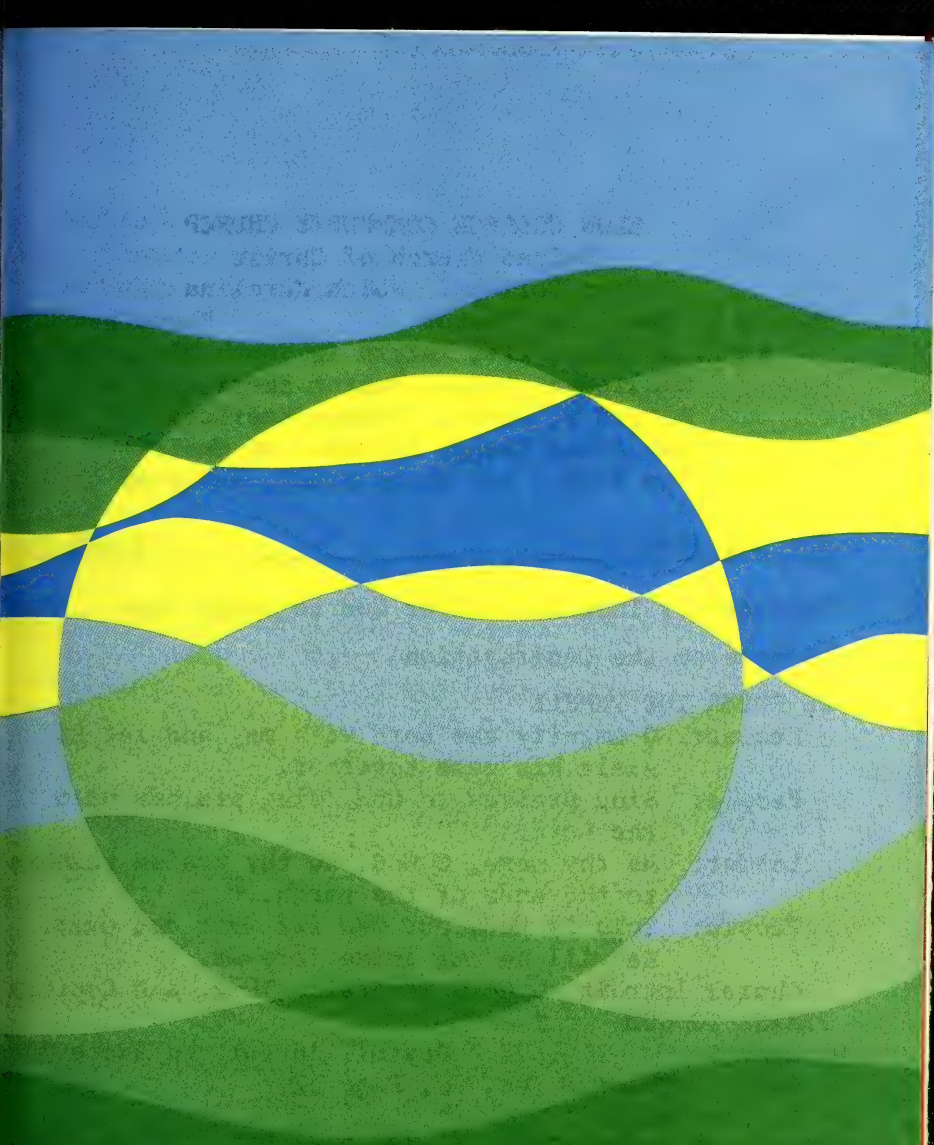

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May 23, 1982 11:00 a.m.

Prelude If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee Bach

Welcome to the Congregation

WE ENTER THE TEMPLE

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises unto the Lord.

Leader: As thy name, O God, so thy praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

People: This is God, our God for ever and ever. He will be our guide forever.

Choral Introit O God, We Praise Thee, and Confess

PRAISE TO GOD

* Hymn 8 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

* Psalter Reading No. 90, Page 529

* Gloria Patri

PRAYER OF CONFESSION No. 18, Page 505 (All Uniting)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WORD OF GOD

Anthem The Summer Days Are Come Again
R. Vaughan Williams

Scripture Readings I John 4:11-16
John 17:11-19

* Hymn 318 Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ

Sermon Mr. Hillman

UR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Offering

Offertory Fugue in D Major J.F. Handel

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith No. 51, Page 511 (All Uniting)

Hymn 375 Lead On, O King Eternal

Benediction

Choral Response God Be With You

Postlude Allegro in A Major A. Corelli

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in appreciation of Mr. Ed L. Hillman by Mr. and Mrs. George Noah.

E SEEKERS'CLASS is sponsoring the cook-out this evening at 6:00 for Middle Hi and Senior Hi youth and their families.

ANKS for your contributions of just over $500 for New Initiatives in Church Development (NICD). Gifts are still being received.

FORMATION regarding summer camp or conferences at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds is available in the Pastor's study.

EASE PROVIDE to the office secretary newsettes for "The Torch" regarding commencements or other honors.

E CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. Bill Long upon the death of his father, Mr. J. Everett Long of Morgantown, W. Va., on May 16.

IER: Mrs. Paul Reddish is a patient at Memorial (SND) . . . The Pastor is attending commencement at Elon College today.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 23, 1982

JOHN 17:11-19

God has a "lover's quarrel" with the world. This prayer of Jesus, reported by John, reflects that quarrel. Christians live in that real world—the one that put Jesus to death and makes discipleship costly today. We are not disembodied spirits free-floating in space. We have been "sent into the world." Nevertheless, something about us is "not of the world." We sense kinship with the power that fires the sun, orders the spiritual reality that pervades Creation, and finally will conquer every force that contends against the just and loving intention of God.

OUR "EVANGELICAL" HERITAGE

The Evangelical Synod of North America, founded at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1840 as the German Evangelical Church-Union of the West, was the only American denomination that from the beginning united German Lutheran and Reformed traditions.

The Evangelicals ministered largely to immigrants from German-speaking countries (including Russians and Hungarians), but adapted quickly to more flexible American ways. They founded church-related hospitals, orphanages, homes for the aged, and homes for the retarded. They also developed strong programs of confirmation instruction and of education for ministers.

The Evangelicals were unusual among later American immigrant churches in combining ability to organize autonomous ethnic congregations and associations on the frontier, with a manifestation of an open theological attitude, effective church union activity, and warm home-and foreign-mission efforts. All this they did under the authority of the church, which they thought of as universal, reforming, and evangelical. In 1934, the Evangelical Synod of North America joined the German Reformed Church in the U.S. to form the Evangelical and Reformed Church. From this heritage, Evangelicals became part of the United Church of Christ in 1957.

Lowell H. Zuck
Eden Theological Seminary
St. Louis, MO

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May 30, 1982 Pentecost 11:00 a.m

COME, LET US WORSHIP

PRELUDE Sonata in F Major - Allegro B. Marcell
(Susan Grimley, Flute)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Christ To the World's True Ligh

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (All Uniting

*HYMN 260 The Church's One Foundatic

*CONFESSION OF SIN
God of amazing Grace, we confess that sometimes we are unsure of our faith. We are weighed down with doubt and guilt. Renew our courage and devotion through your Holy Spirit.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Gloria Pat

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS
Offertory Andante from Concerto in d minor Moliq
* Congregational Response The Doxolo
* Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 263 Christ is Made the Sure Foundati
SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-11; John 16:5-
Anthem Silent Devotion and Response E. Blo

A LITANY OF THE NATION

inister: O God, before whose face the empires of the past have risen and fallen away, establish this nation in righteousness; and in personal character and public integrity make her foundations sure.

esponse: Lord, hear our prayer and mercifully bless this people.

inister: From the ravages of crime, the disgrace of political corruption, and all malicious designs of lawless people,

esponse: Good Lord, deliver us.

inister: From prejudice of race and color, making schism in the commonwealth; from all inequity that begets ill will and spoils fraternity; from loss of liberties bequeathed us, and from careless acceptance of our heritage and neglect of its responsibilities,

esponse: Good Lord, deliver us.

inister: From the decline of pure religion, from failure of moral fiber in our citizenship, from all accounting of things material above virtues spiritual; from loss of social conscience, and collapse of national character,

esponse: Good Lord, deliver us.

inister: By the deep faiths on which the foundations of our land were laid and by the sacrifices of its pioneers,

esponse: We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister: By the memory of leaders in the nation, whose devotion has chastened us and whose characters have inspired us,

Response: We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister: By the undeserved wealth of a great continent committed to us and by our trusteeshi of power to work weal or woe on the earth,

Response: We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister: Keep us from pride of mind, and from boast ing tongues deliver us; save our national loyalty from narrowness and our flag from selfish shame; by our love for our land may we measure the love of others for thei lands, honoring their devotion as we hono our own; and acknowledging the one God, may we see all humankind as one family an so govern our national affairs that the whole world may become one community.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer and mercifully bles this people. Amen.

Harry Emerson Fosdick (Revised

ERMON How Can This Be? Dr. Hamilton

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

LITANY OF THE NATION (Insert)

HE MORNING PRAYERS

YMN 267 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

HARGE TO THE PEOPLE OF FAITH

Benediction

Choral Response Three Fold Amen

Postlude Fugue in C Major G.F. Handel

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Oxford.

HE MEMORIAL WREATH is given by several of our members to honor those who sacrificed their lives in the service of their country.

E ARE PLEASED to have Susan Grimley as our guest soloist this morning. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Grimley of Starkville, Miss. and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark McAdams.

ODAY: 6:30 Church Family softball at College Field

HE ADULT CHOIR FAMILIES will have a cook-out Wednesday night at 6:30 at the Bragg Home.

HE ANNUAL MEETING of the Southern Conference will be held June 4 and 5 at Catawba College.

ONGRATULATIONS to Dr. and Mrs. Gerry Oxford and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford upon the birth of Graham Lewis Oxford on May 17 ... and to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Holt and Grandmother Mrs. Goldie Smith upon the birth of Tyler Smith Holt on May 22.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 30, 1982

ACTS 2:1-13

A JOYFUL FINALE

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a joyful finale. The world rejoices without restraint for the God who raised Jesus from death and raised the church, sent it on its missionary task, and gave the Holy Spirit to be its life-giving soul.

The roots of Pentecost are in the Jewish festival of *Shavuot,* of which the Greek word *Pentecost* is equivalent—the "fiftieth day." Shavuot is the fiftieth day after the beginning of Passover; the Christian Pentecost is the fiftieth day of Easter. For Israel, Shavuot was a day of thanksgiving for the wheat harvest, an annual commemoration of the giving of the Law that marked a new relationship between Israel and the God who had delivered them from Egypt in the Exodus; so Pentecost marks the beginning of a new relationship between humanity and the God who raised Jesus from the dead.

On that Pentecost following Jesus' resurrection, Jews from all parts of the Empire were gathered together. The hearing in one language came as a sign of the reversal of Babel when the unity of the people of earth was broken by sin.

The Spirit comes to bring together the scattered of earth. The Spirit comes to heal division and restore unity. Just as all barriers of nationality and language were transcended in the first-century Pentecost, so is it for us a sign of that day when all barriers separating people will be broken down and humanity will find its true unity in God.

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June 6, 1982 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Voluntary in C Major H. Purcel

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Open Now Thy Gates of Beaut
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting

God of steadfast love, we thank you for the lessons of the past. When we recall all you have done for us we are truly thankful. May the richness of our past be the ground out of which blossoms love, hope, and faithfulness. Amen.

Hymn 38 Morning Has Broke
THE LIVING WORD
Psalter Reading No. 64 p. 51
The Gloria Patri p. 51
New Testament Reading Romans 8:12-1
Anthem At the River arr. Aaron Copelan
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Lord Jesus, I Call to Thee J.S. Bac
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 269 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lo
Sermon Children of God Dr. Hamilto

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 63 Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing (1-2)

Benediction

Choral Response Nunc Dimittis

Postlude On Jordan's Stormy Banks G. Read

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jeffreys in honor of Mrs. Charles Jeffreys and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Goad and Mr. Charles Jeffreys.

TODAY: 4:00 Magnolia Memorial Service
5:00 Women's Executive Board
6.30 Music Committee
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION will hold its annual Memorial Service and Business Meeting this afternoon at four o'clock at the First Baptist Church. Our Pastor will conduct the Service and President Lankford will lead the business session.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS meets this evening at 7:30 in the Parish House. Members are encouraged to attend and to present any individual concerns.

VBS - DAY CAMP will be held June 14-18 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Unit for children through the ages of kindergarten to grade eight. Please complete a registration form today.

FAMILY NIGHT, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship, will be June 14 at 6:30 in the Parish House. The whole church family is invited. Please bring a covered dish. The program will be a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the UCC.

HOSPITALIZED: Dr. Fred Caddell at County; Mrs. Sara Dodson at Memorial and Mrs. Paul Reddish at Skilled Nursing Division.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 6, 1982 **TRINITY SUNDAY**

ROMANS 8:12-17

Because we are God's children, we are God's heirs, according to the apostle Paul; and all that is promised to Jesus Christ is to be ours as well. There is one condition set forth by Paul that we must meet if we are to share in this inheritance. We are challenged to participate in Christ's sufferings. We know that Jesus was despised, rejected, and finally killed, and we shy away from sharing that suffering. However, if we are willing to share Christ's sufferings, we are promised a part in the future to which he points: the coming of God's Realm, the resurrection, and life everlasting.

WOMEN MISSIONARIES IN THE UCC

In 1812, when the first American Protestant missionaries were ordained and commissioned for overseas service, their wives and fiancees sat as spectators in a nearby pew. A few days later, however, two of the women were to constitute half of the "missionary company" that set sail from Salem, Massachusetts, enroute to India!

Today, *over half* of the missionaries in our United Church of Christ are women. About a third are teachers, and many others are in church leadership development, community development, and health fields. Some women serving overseas are clergy, several are in theological education, and still others accompany and complement the work of their husbands.

Many of our women missionaries are in leadership roles. Dr. Ruth Catton, for instance, is the director of a 25-bed rural hospital in Baitalpur, India. Gaby Hein is another leader. She initiated a self-help sewing and knitting project among women in a squatter area of Kenya, Africa.

We help to support the important work of all UCC missionaries—both women and men—through our regular gifts to *Our Christian World Mission.*

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June 13, 1982 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Fugue in B^b G.F. Hande

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit A Blessing N. Sleet
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
We come in humility to worship you, O God. We offer all that we are, knowing our need of your Spirit to be what we ought to be. We come with expectation, to worship you, O God. Your presenc gives purpose to our striving. Praise be to you! Amen.
* Hymn 1 O God Our Hel
THE LIVING WORD
Psalter Reading No. 66 Psalms 13,15 p. 51
* The Gloria Patri p. 51
New Testament Reading Mark 4:26-3
Anthem Amazing Grace Arr. K.K. Davi
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Adagio in A^b W.A. Mozar
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 381 My Faith It Is An Oaken Staf
Sermon With Many Parables Dr. Hamilto

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 232 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Benediction

Choral Response God Be With You

Postlude Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies Willan

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mrs. Bettie Wagoner Stegall and Mr. L.W. Wagoner, Sr. by Mrs. Eugenia Wagoner.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - DAY CAMP begins tomorrow morning at 9:30 at the Edgewood Unit. Sessions continue each day until 2:30 through Friday. Children from kindergarten through grade eight are encouraged to attend. Bring a sack lunch. The School-Camp is sponsored jointly by First Christian, Berea, and our congregation.

HE ALL-CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT tomorrow at 6:30 is sponsored by the Women's Fellowship. The program will be a celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the UCC. Please bring a covered dish; beverage and table ware will be provided. Following the program the women will meet as a fellowship and as circles for organizational and business purposes.

HE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:00.

RTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

NFORMATION gathered at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference is placed on the narthex table for your perusal. Col. Dariel Burchfield served as our lay delegate.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 13, 1982
II CORINTHIANS 4:7-11

The "treasure" of the gospel has been entrusted to Paul, and down through the generations to the church. Now, the responsibility for the proclamation of the Good News belongs to us. We are just as much "earthen vessels," common clay pots, as was Paul. Putting that treasure in such ordinary containers makes clear now, as it did then, that the real power at work is God's, and not our own. We are called, as Paul was, to use all the talents and abilities given to us in the proclamation of the Good News. But, it is always God's power and not our own that enables others to hear and to respond.

LAYPERSONS ARE TAKING THE LEAD

"Alfredo Renteria is a member of the tiny church of Tlajomulco, Jalisco," writes Arthur Von Gruenigen, a United Church of Christ missionary in Mexico. "For several years he attended our extension seminary until his work schedule made it impossible for him to continue.

"Alfredo shared the Gospel of Christ with a fellow worker who lives in one of the humble barrios on the periphery of Guadalajara," Rev. Von Gruenigen continues. "This man began to speak with others, and now there is a tiny church that meets in his home."

The church that grew out of Alfredo's evangelism is only one example of the growing number of churches started by laypersons in Mexico. The Congregational Churches of Mexico were losing members until recently, Rev. Von Gruenigen says. "Now we are beginning to see a new trend. Small groups of laypersons are taking the lead in trying to establish new congregations!"

We celebrate the new evangelistic spirit in Mexico—a spirit able to establish churches in part through the important work of persons such as Arthur Von Gruenigen. Through our gifts to Our Christian World Mission, we help to support Rev. Von Gruenigen's ministry in Mexico.

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WHERE ARE YOU?

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June 20, 1982 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Our Father Who in Heaven Art J.S. Bac

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit All Praise to Thee, My God
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
God of all joy, we thank you that in Jesus Chris you have shown us the way to lasting joy. We praise you that you receive as your children those who seek peace and righteousness and that you promise eternal life to the humble, the merciful, and the pure in heart. Amen.
* Hymn 365 Faith of Our Fathe
THE LIVING WORD
Psalter Reading No. 70 Psalm 24 p. 5
* The Gloria Patri p. 5
Scripture Readings Genesis 1; Luke 15:11-
Anthem Fairest Lord Jesus Silesian Melo
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Rondo in C Major W.A. Moza
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 331 Savior, Thy Dying Lo
Sermon In His Image Dr. Hamilt

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 426 — The Voice of God Is Calling

Benediction

Choral Response — God Be With You

Postlude — Allegro in a minor — A. Corelli

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TODAY: 6:00 Church Family softball at College Field.

FIFTEEN of our youth attended Vacation Bible School - Day Camp at Edgewood. Our thanks go to Ms. Vicki Price and Mrs. Marie Wilkins who assisted as teachers.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kimberly L. Johnston and W. Joseph Beamon whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here last evening.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for July-August are available in the narthex.

INFORMATION gathered at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference is placed on the narthex table for your perusal. Col. Dariel Burchfield served as our lay delegate.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 20, 1982
GENESIS 3:9-15

God seeks us! That is one of the unchanging facts of life. We instinctively try to hide from God when we become aware of our sin. The story of Adam and Eve in the Garden is the story of each of God's children. From the very beginning of God's relationship to humankind, the initiative is always with God. Even when we are not aware of God's presence or activity, God seeks us out. God seeks us despite our sin, and offers us forgiveness and renewal and love and hope in a future that is beyond our ability to imagine.

AN EVENT OF POWER AND REBIRTH

Let's celebrate! Today marks the 25th Anniversary of our United Church of Christ!

We belong to a denomination steeped in the colorful heritages of the Evangelical & Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches. "The United Church of Christ is a unique combination of historical denominations, and I am proud of its origins," says Dr. Barbara Brown Zikmund, dean of the faculty at Pacific School of Religion in California.

We belong to a denomination currently grappling with justice concerns here in the United States and overseas. Yet, we are a church devoted to other dimensions of ministry as well—Christian education, family life issues, pastoral care, and faith development and worship, to name a few.

We belong to a denomination that is "a people alive," a church that is growing, reaching toward the future. "Between a sharply remembered birth and a future that has been built into a sense of calling," says Avery D. Post, president of the UCC, "a twenty-fifth celebration can be an event of power and rebirth."

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June 27, 1982

The Service of Worship this morning is a re-creation of the Service at the Uniting General Synod held on June 25, 1957 in Cleveland, Ohio. On that day the delegates of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches and the delegates of the Evangelical and Reformed Church formally declared the union to have been consummated in the denomination known as the United Church of Christ. Today, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of their affirmations, we celebrate their faith and our oneness in Christ.

PRELUDE Minuet M. Boellmann

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 260 The Church's One Foundation

UNITING PRAYER

SILENT MEDITATION

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS

The Cross

(Tune: St. Christopher)

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat
and the burden of the day.

I take, O Cross, thy shadow
for my abiding-place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.

The Bible

Bertha Cotten

(Tune: Munich)

O Word of God Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchang'd, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
We praise Thee for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket,
where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heaven-drawn picture
of Christ, the Living Word.

The Chalice — James Lyon

According to Thy gracious word, (Tune: Martyrdom)
in meek humility,
This will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember Thee.

Remember Thee, and all Thy pains,
and all Thy love to me;
Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
will I remember Thee.

The Font — Travis Loy

Breathe on me, Breath of God, (Tune: Trentham)
fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

The Flags — Vicki Price and Jeff Price

Fling out the banner! let it float (Tune: Waltham)
skyward and seaward, high and wide,
The sun, that lights its shining folds,
the cross, on which the Saviour died.

Fling out the banner! sin-sick souls
that sink and perish in the strife,
Shall touch in faith its radiant hem,
and spring immortal into life.

DECLARATION OF UNION

*DELEGATES (all uniting)

We do now, as the regularly constituted representatives of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, declare ourselves to be one body and our union consummated in this act establishing the United Church of Christ, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, AMEN.

*HYMN

(Tune: Dennis)

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part
it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
I COR. 12:12,27-31
Matthew 16:13-19

THE PRAYERS

ANTHEM The Dulcimer Sweet K. K. Davis

ADDRESS
of Dr. Fred Hoskins by Dr. J. E. Danieley
of Dr. James Wagner by Rev. William Smith

OFFERTORY Berceuse M. Dupre

REFLECTIONS ON WHO WE ARE Dr. Thomas R. Hamilton

*HYMN (Tune: Hymn to Joy)

God of years, Thy love hath led us,
thou has been our bulwark strong.
Wall of fire against the wicked,
sword of power against the wrong.
Thou hast blest of old Thy servants,
as they bore thy message far;
We who follow in their footsteps
ever more their debtors are.

Lead us forth, a church united,
strong, courageous in Thy might;
Lo, the fields are white with harvest,
sheaves to garner ere the night;
One our purpose, one our Leader,
thus Thy church shall never fail;
Lead us on, O King Eternal,
so shall love, world-wide, prevail.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY

Consecration of the Elements
The Invitation
The Communion
* Thanksgiving
* The Doxology

*BENEDICTION
* Choral Response — A Blessing — Sleeth

*POSTLUDE — Rigadon — A. Campra

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Keith B. Dean by the Family.

TODAY: 4:00 UCC Anniversary Service
6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field

THE UCC ANNIVERSARY SERVICE for all area UCC congregations will be held today at 4:00 at the First Reformed UCC on W. Front Street. A combined choir will sing and Dr. Rollin Russell will preach the sermon. You are invited.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jeff and Julie MacKenzie upon the birth of Chad Steward MacKenzie on June 21.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sherleen A. Smith and John R. Corne whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday afternoon . . . and to Mary Anne Butler and Robert L. Shearin whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here last evening.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH?

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July 4, 1982 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Dawn Hymn Alan Hovhanes

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit O Day of God, Draw Nigh
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
God our Father, be present with us now as you have been present for centuries with our forbears. Let our gratitude be as spontaneous as your gifts have been and our promises as trustworthy as your promises have proved to be. Amen.
* Hymn 437 My Country,'Tis of The
THE LIVING WORD
Unison Reading No. 124 Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15 p.54
* The Gloria Patri
Scripture Readings Job 38:1-1
II Corinthians 5:16-2
Anthem Psalm 23 from the Scottish Psalter
David H. Willia
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory I Vow to Thee, My Country Gustav Hol
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome

Hymn 87	God Moves in a Mysterious Way	
Sermon	Too Relevant	Dr. Hamilton
ING OUT TO SERVE		
Hymn 440	O Beautiful for Spacious Skies	
Benediction		
Choral Response	Agnus Dei	Healy Willan
Postlude	In Thee Is Gladness	J.S. Bach

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scarlata in memory of their fathers, Mr. Maurice Bonney and Mr. Anthony Scarlata.

E MONTHLY MEETING of the Board of Deacons has been re-scheduled for next Sunday evening.

U ARE INVITED to a cook-out and blue grass music Thursday, July 8, from 4:00 to 8:30 at Harper Center Lake, sponsored by the Student Union Board for the college and community. Cost will be $3.00 per person.

E CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hook upon the death of her sister, Mrs. Laura Van Billiard of Sanford, on June 28 and to Dr. and Mrs. J. Earl Danieley upon the death of her brother, Mr. Burton Daniels, Jr. of Beaufort, on June 30.

NGRATULATIONS to Nannie E. Bowman and Steven H. Wooten whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here June 27.

NGRATULATIONS to Joe and Karen Elmore and to grandparents Willard and Sybil White on the birth of Mitchell Kelly Elmore on July 1 in Charlotte.

R SERVICES OF WORSHIP each Sunday are broadcast over Radio Station WSOE (89.3 FM).

E CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow.

Sermon	Grace is Lavish	Dr. Hamilton
OING OUT TO SERVE		
Hymn 60	Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name	
Benediction		
Choral Response	Nunc Dimittis	
Postlude	Grand Choeur	Cesar Franck

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of William Hunt Ward and Julia Ann Summerville whose Service of Marriage was celebrated her yesterday.

HE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet briefly at the pulpit following the Service of Worship to discuss further the possibilities of financing construction of the church ramp.

HOSE who wish to apply for the church scholarship to Elon College should contact Mr. Barry Simmons at the college this week.

JNIOR HI DAZE, an afternoon of summer fun for youth in grades 7, 8, or 9, will be held at the Edgewood Site Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30.

HE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Dr. Fred S. Caddell on July 18.

HE PASTOR AND FAMILY will be out of town this week. He may be reached in any emergency or need by calling Dr. Paul Cheek or Mrs. Roberta Starr.

THER: Mr. W. L. Oakley is a patient at Memorial Hospital ... Kristen Wilkins is attending camp at John's River this week ... Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 25, 1982
EPHESIANS 1:3-10

What images does "lavish" evoke for you? Extravagant parties? Elaborate buffets? Expensive imported sports cars? Christmas trees surrounded by presents? Lavished! That's the word the apostle Paul uses for God's graciousness to us, for the forgiveness and redemption made available to us. That's the best word to describe the party thrown by the father to celebrate the return of his prodigal son. "Lavish!" When was the last time your church had something to celebrate in that fashion? It's the appropriate style when God's grace abounds!

PRIME-TIME GOSPEL?

Recently I was viewing a prime-time television show with my two teenage daughters. The program plot revolved around an unmarried woman whose parents were visiting her for the first time since she fled from home several years before. When it appeared that their reconciliation attempt was about to fail, the woman brought out a letter she had written to her parents some years before when she was alone in a strange city, about to give birth to an out-of-wedlock child. In the letter the daughter expressed feelings of fear, loneliness and deep love for her parents. The letter was sent, but returned unopened with the cold words scrawled in her father's handwriting, "Return to Sender."

A few minutes later the television program ended with the family beginning its reconciliation. And it was at that moment my 13-year-old looked up at me and said, "Dad, why are you crying? Your tears are all the way to your neck!"

The tears were there because I had been reminded of how fragile loving relationships can be. The tears were there because I had witnessed how crucial confession, repentance, and reconciliation are for the healing of fragmented love. The tears were there because I recognized the message of Christ at a rather unexpected moment . . . via a commercial television program.

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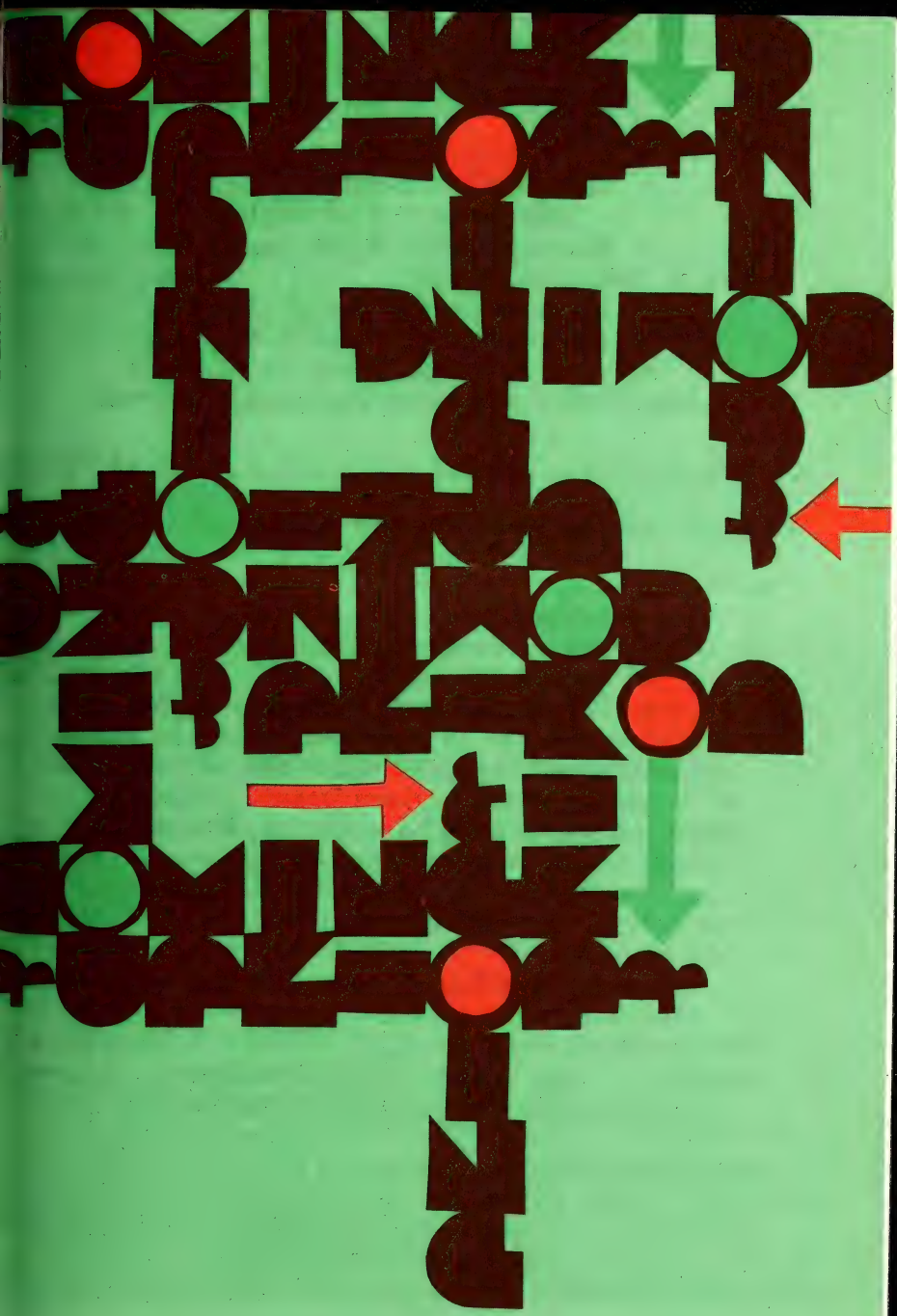

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August 1, 1982 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Awake, Awake to Love and Work Wilbur Hel

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly D
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
God our Father, we have seen your mighty works in the world and in us. Yet, like the disciples who witnessed the feeding of the multitude but were afraid when they saw Jesus walking on the sea, our faith must be nurtured. Renew us that we may trust you, and that we may act in trust. Amen.

* Hymn 15 Praise to the Lord, the Almight

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Psalm 116 (selected verses)
* The Gloria Patri
New Testament Reading Mark 6:30-3
Anthem The Prayer of St. Francis O. Dunga
(Paula Scarborough, Soprano)

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Air from Suite in D J. S. Bac
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 242 Holy Spirit, Truth Divin

Sermon "You Gotta Stop and Smell the Roses"
Dr. Danieley

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 287 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Benediction

Choral Response Nunc Dimittis

Postlude Canzona in d minor J. S. Bach

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe, Jr. in memory of their son Wilkes E. Lowe,III.

WE ARE PLEASED to have Dr. J. Earl Danieley lead our Service of Worship today. Dr. Danieley is the Dr. Thomas E. Powell, Jr. Professor of Chemistry at Elon College and a deacon in this congregation. Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton return from vacation later today.

WE WELCOME Paula Scarborough as our guest soloist today. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Scarborough of Burlington and a 1982 graduate of Williams High School. She will be a freshman chemistry major at UNC-Chapel Hill this fall.

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch".

THE CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the Gregory Library.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS has postponed its monthly meeting until next Sunday evening.

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HOSPITALIZED: Mr. W. L. Oakley at Memorial.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 1, 1982

MARK 6:30-34

A retreat is not an escape. Jesus' disciples had just returned from a preaching trip, and he was eager to hear what they had done. So many people were coming and going around them they could not even eat. So Jesus invites them to "Come away . . . to a lonely place, and rest awhile." He suggests a retreat. But the crowd follows them there, and Jesus has compassion on them. He proceeds to teach them and, finally, to feed them. He and his disciples needed a retreat, but they could not escape! There are times when we need a retreat, but we dare not seek an escape.

OUR "CONGREGATIONAL" HERITAGE

With roots in late sixteenth-century England, where small groups of Calvinists sought to complete the Protestant Reformation begun by Calvin and Luther, Congregationalists did not agree with the established church and were persecuted. In the American colonies, Congregationalists "covenanted" together to form "free" churches, binding themselves to walk in God's ways and to remain open to God's truth.

Congregationalists pioneered in mission work among the Indians. Later, when Americans moved West, they founded many frontier churches, colleges, and home-missionary societies. In 1810, they established foreign mission work, especially in the Pacific Islands and in Asia. As our nation anguished over the slave issue, Congregationalists worked in various ways to free Blacks. After the emancipation, they established schools to help ex-slaves take their rightful places in society. Congregational churches were also the very first to ordain and call female clergy.

Theologically flexible, Congregationalists did not formally organize as a national denomination until the second half of the nineteenth century. They have always worked ecumenically and enthusiastically for the gospel, trusting that when two or three gather together in Christ's name, God's truth and the church will endure. In keeping with this tradition, Congregationalists joined in 1929 with The Christian Churches and in 1957 became part of the United Church of Christ.

Barbara Brown Zikmund
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August 8, 1982 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Fugue in E^b (St. Anne) J.S. Bac

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Th
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
Look graciously upon us, O Holy Spirit, and give us for our blessing thoughts that pass into prayer, prayers that pass into love, and love that passes into life with you forever. Amen.
* Hymn 14 The God of Abraham Prais
THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Psalm 13
* The Gloria Patri
New Testament Readings John 6:1-1
Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-1
Anthem Be Still, and Know that I am God O.Dunga
(Berkley Stutts, Jr., Tenor)
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Prayer for the People
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Variation II (Chartres) R. Purvi
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 240 Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dov
Sermon Paradoxes of Identity Dr. Hamilto

:OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 383 Forward Through the Ages

Benediction

Choral Response Nunc Dimittis

Postlude Finale from Sonata in C F.Mendelssohn

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God.

OSES are placed on the altar to honor Jennifer Loren Clem, born November 9, 1981, and Blake Christopher Clem, born August 3, 1982, by their great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Clem.

E WELCOME Berkley Stutts, Jr., as our guest soloist today. He is a senior music major at UNC-Greensboro.

HE BOARD OF DEACONS holds its monthly meeting this evening at 7:30 in the Gregory Library.

DULT CHOIR REHEARSALS begin again on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Each member of the congregation is cordially invited to participate in the choral program. For good fellowship, and singing, join us on Wednesdays.

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 8, 1982

EPHESIANS 4:1-6, 11-16

We often focus on the things that separate, or distinguish one person from another: age, sex, color, education, economics, employment. But there is a fundamental unity that transcends and transforms all those qualities that divide us. It is a unity of faith, of the Spirit; it is unity, according to Paul, "in Christ." After that fundamental unity in Christ is described by Paul that he goes on to recognize and celebrate the variety of gifts that God gives, but we are first of all one in God's Spirit.

CALL TO WHOLENESS

Many churches in the United Church of Christ have used *The Call to Wholeness,* a booklet of twelve worship programs written by members of the UCC across the country. This insightful and creative resource includes such messages as the following:

- We are told in Genesis that in the beginning of Creation, God created male and female in God's image. God blessed them and gave them permission to rule over every living thing. Looking over the whole creation, God was satisfied, for creation was good.—Miya Okawara, Sycamore Congregational (UCC), El Cerrito, California.
- In our readings from Luke we find Jesus yearning for his people to know the things that make for peace, and we find him weeping because the things of peace were hidden from their eyes.—Tim Kehl, Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ, Madison, Wisconsin.
- In the account of the healing of the paralytic. . . . from the Gospel of Mark, we find a message which speaks to each of us, as we consider our ministry to and with people with handicaps.—Virginia Kreyer, Garden City Community Church (UCC), Garden City, New York.

The Call to Wholeness is made available through the UCC Office for Church Life and Leadership, which we help to support through our gifts to Our Christian World Mission.

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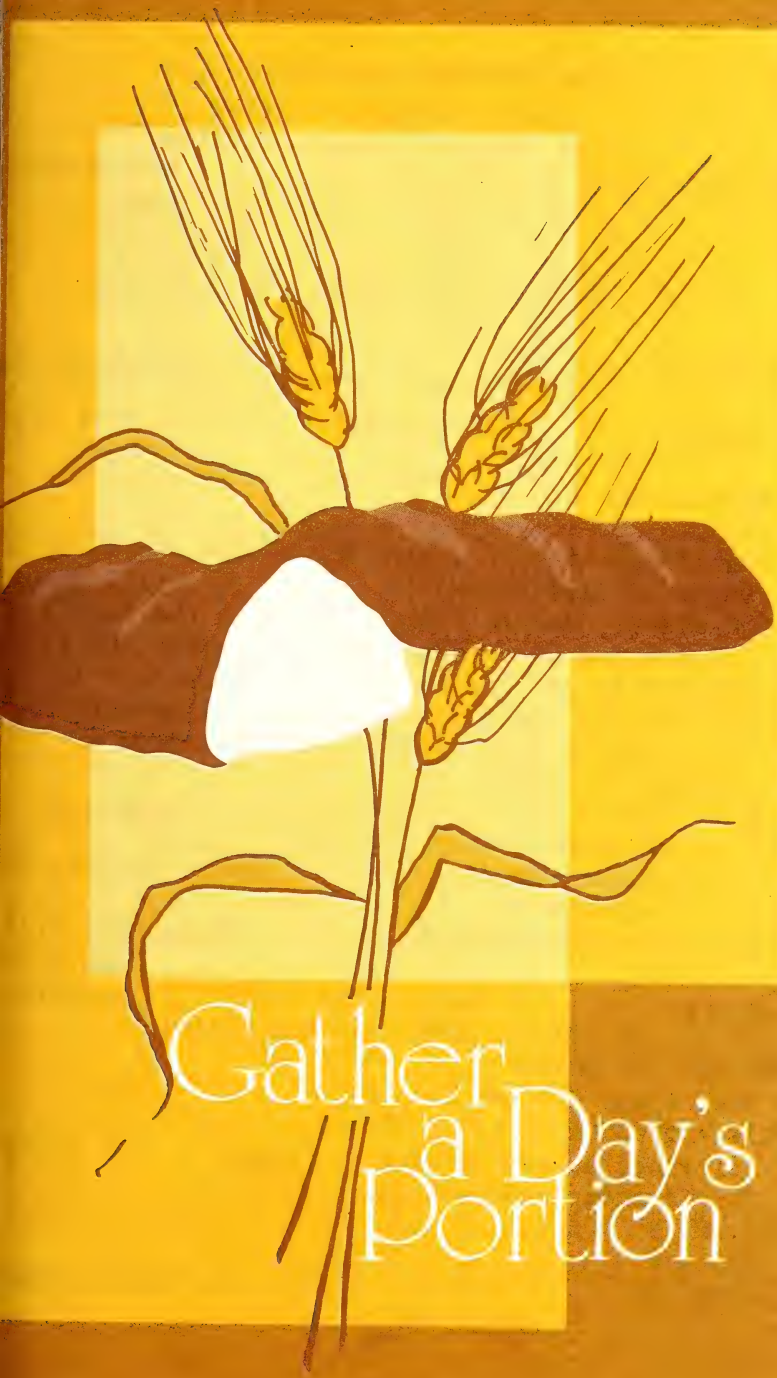

Gather a Day's Portion

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Cris Bragg and David Harper, Acolytes

August 15, 1982 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Intermezzo T. Krib

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Unto Thy Temple, Lord, We Com
(all uniting
Prayer of Invocation
Gracious God, we offer thanks for the Gospel record and for the simple words Jesus spoke. They help us to understand your presence in the world. Help us to read the signs and parables as they speak to our yearnings in faith. Amen.

* Hymn 249 Ancient of Day

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Exodus 16:2-4, 12-
* The Gloria Patri
New Testament Readings Ephesians 4:17-
John 6:25-

Anthem O Rest in The Lord F. Mendelssol
(Nancy Maultsby, Contralto)

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Anthem Prayer for Peace L. McGloh
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 344 Lead Us, Heavenly Fath

Sermon Truth in Packaging Dr. Hamilton

OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 93 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Benediction

Choral Response God Be With You

Postlude Ye Who Would Serve The Lord H. Willan

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Reverend and Mrs. J. E. Franks by Numa and Cora Franks.

E WELCOME Nancy Maultsby as our guest soloist today. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Maultsby of Burlington and a 1982 graduate of Williams High School. She will be attending Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N.J. as a voice major.

HE COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE meets this evening at 7:00 in the Gregory Library. Members of the committee are: D.D. Atkinson, Lois Bost, Lucille Howard, Mary Lynn Brafford, Jackie Matlock, Estelle Perry, Mark Danieley, Robert Kittenger and Dwight Wall.

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OSPITALIZED: Mr. Bill Ellis at McPherson, Durham.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 15, 1982
EXODUS 16:2-4, 12-15

The menu was limited! Meat at night and bread in the morning. That was it! But it was regular. Six days a week it was there! The instructions that came with it seemed a bit unusual to some of the people, however. They were only to gather one day's portion (on the sixth day they were given double rations, of course). It was meant as a test, Moses was told. A test to see if the people would follow instructions. And they didn't! Would we? Not likely! We know the things that God would have us do. And we fail to do them, too. Only the menu has changed!

MEALS ON WHEELS

During World War II in England, mobile canteens used for soliders' coffee and donuts were found to be useful to serve hot meals to elderly shut-ins. Lady Reading brought the idea to the United States in the 1950s, thereby starting the volunteer program known as Meals on Wheels.

In St. Louis, Missouri, Church Women United started the first service of meals in the Lemay neighborhood. Now there are 20 programs throughout the metropolitan area. Meals are professionally prepared in hospitals and nursing homes, then delivered to 1,000 people each week. Over 1,300 volunteers participate in delivering and administering the programs. Those who receive the meals pay if they are able, with the balance of the cost made up by contributions.

Jesus, with great practical insight, understood the hunger of the crowds for physical food. But he reminded the people that the Almighty gives the true bread from heaven. Those of us who have received this true bread consider Meals on Wheels an opportunity for grateful response to our blessing.

Ellen Day Blackmar
Chairman, Meals on Wheels
Church Women United
Union Avenue Christian Church
St. Louis, Missouri

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IN THE STRENGTH OF THAT FOOD

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Carter Gerlach and Trip Walker, Acolytes

August 22, 1982 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Wilbur Hel

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dov
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
O Christ, Living Bread, from the world with its abundance which does not satisfy our thirst, we turn to you. O Christ, Living Water, from the world with its floods which do not satisfy our thirst, we turn to you. O Christ, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us. Amen.
* Hymn 6 O Worship the Kir

THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Readings Ephesians 4:30-5
John 6:41-

Anthem Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God G.F. Hand

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Solo O Divine Redeemer C. Gouno
(Thomasene Sparks, Soprano)
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome and Exchange of Greetings
* Hymn 223 O for a Thousand Tongu
Old Testament Reading I Kings 19:4-

Sermon	Bread for the Journey	Dr. Hamilton
OING OUT TO SERVE		
Hymn 97		God of Our Life
Benediction		
Choral Response		God Be With You
Postlude	Allegro (Symphony IV)	William Boyce

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Dewey T. Holt in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Albright, Sr. and Mr. W. A. Holt, Sr., and in honor of his mother Mrs. W.A. Holt, Sr.

E WELCOME Thomasene Sparks and David Vaughan as our guest musicians. It is always a pleasure to have them participating in our service.

OLLOWING THE SERVICE, the Board of Deacons will meet briefly at the pulpit to hear bids on the planned painting of the church exterior.

HE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Velna Motley and Family upon the death of her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Motley Moore of Gibsonville on August 20.

AILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for September-October are available in the narthex.

ROMOTION DAY in the Church School is next Sunday. Please gather in the sanctuary by 9:45.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 22, 1982
I KINGS 19:4-8

The nourishment that God provides has strange properties. Elijah was awakened twice to eat bread and drink water provided by an angel of the Lord, and it gave him enough strength to walk for forty days. In the New Testament, Jesus uses imagery in his teachings that suggest strange properties of nourishment offered to us. "Living water!" "Bread of life!" "This is my body . . . ." Taste, eat, drink, believe, and hunger no more. It is essential nourishment for our journey!

THE SOJOURNER IN OUR COUNTRY

Six-year-old Maria couldn't go to school anymore. With the violence and bloodshed in her country of El Salvador, it simply wasn't safe when she walked home from school in the late afternoon.

Both Maria and her mother, Marguerita, as well as many other persons from El Salvador, fled their war-torn country and made their way to the U.S. Once in Arizona, they were apprehended by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and jailed pending deportation hearings. Through the efforts of the Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ—working with the Religious Task Force on El Salvador in Phoenix—Maria and her mother were able to have their bonds reduced. They then found hospitality in the home of Rev. Alan McLarty, of the Southwest Conference staff, who is active in working with the Salvadoreans in Arizona.

"Our ministry in Arizona is primarily to be with and assist and support those persons who are in our country because of violence in El Salvador," says Rev. McLarty. "We are trying to help the church provide hospitality for the stranger, the sojourner in our country.

"When the people in my church met the Salvadoreans, they saw the *people* there," says Rev. McLarty. "It makes them realize we are talking about human beings, which is a different kind of thing than when we talk about geo-political rights and wrongs."

By standing with the weak, the hungry, the sojourner, we in the United Church of Christ are witnessing to the Good News of peace and compassion.

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WALK IN THE WAY OF INSIGHT

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Kristen Wilkins and Lee Blanchard, Acolytes

August 29, 1982 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Voluntary on "Rhosymedre" David Johns
(based on Hymn 169)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he
good; his mercy endures forever.

People: We enter his gates with thanksgiving an
his courts with praise; we are thankfu
to him and we bless his name.

Choir: Jesus, With Thy Church Abide

UNISON PRAYER: We are a gifted people, O God. Ma
all your gifts occasion our thanksgiving. As yo
mercies are new each morning, so may our praise
burst forth each day. Amen.

*HYMN 12 From All That Dwell Below the Sk

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
The Sacrament of Baptism
* The Statement of Faith

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 6:47
Ephesians 5:15

ANTHEM The King of Love J. Know

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Prayer Hymn 283 Bread of the Wo
The Silent Prayers
The Spoken Prayers

THE OFFERING
Offertory Andante Religioso Felix Mendelss

* Congregational Response — The Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON — Are You Satisfied? — Dr. Hamilton

*HYMN 375 — Lead on O King Eternal

*BENEDICTION
* Choral Response — God Be With You
* Postlude — O For A Thousand Tongues — Rene Frank

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Chad Stuart MacKenzie by Jeff and Julie MacKenzie.

RECEIVED as new members today by Letters of Transfer are Monte and Jimma Causey.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is God's gift to Christina Leigh Causey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Causey and Chad Stuart MacKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff MacKenzie.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome the return of Mr. David Vaughan as guest musician.

TODAY: 7:00 Community Service Committee
7:00 Stewardship/Missionary Education Committee

PROMOTION DAY was held in the church school this morning. Classes are now organized for the fall semester. There is a class for every age.

PLEASE PROVIDE to the church office the names and addresses of our college students.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 29, 1982

PROVERBS 9:1-6

Almost everyone loves a banquet, and wisdom, characterized in the book of Proverbs as a woman, extends an invitation. Those who chose to eat and drink with her may expect experiences and education with their roots in "the fear of the Lord." They are promised the possibility of "life" and a "walk in the way of insight." The alternative is the banquet offered by folly. Its pleasures are illicit, it takes place in the dark, and it leads to death. The simple, the young, the inexperienced, the uneducated are invited to choose. Two parties, two banquets. Which will it be?

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Bread for the world comes through a variety of means available to the church. The most familiar is direct relief aid. Somalia is an example of an area of the world in great material distress. Through the Interchurch Response consortium—Church World Service, Lutheran World Relief, and Catholic Relief Services—Somalia is receiving massive doses of direct aid from churches. More than that, the consortium is working on a development plan that will eventually help the Somali people to rise above their hardships and depend upon themselves for food.

In addition, Somalia received aid directly due to the efforts of Bread for the World, a United States church-related public policy agency supported in part by church hunger funds. Bread for the World is a Christian Citizens Action group that focuses on hunger legislation before the Congress. Its work a year ago was very influential, according to a director of the U.S. Agency for International Development, in passing legislation that allocated $43 million for food aid in Somalia.

So, through means direct and indirect, the church makes a difference in the lives of hungry people everywhere.

Nancy Heinze
Communications Unit
United Presbyterian Support Agency

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September 5, 1982 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Suite for Organ G.F. Hand

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Spirit Divine, Attend Our Praye
Prayer of Invocation Dr. Snyd
The Lord's Prayer (all unitin
* Hymn 366 God of Gra
THE LIVING WORD
Lessons from the New Testament John 6:60-
Ephesians 6:10-
Anthem Father, Hear Thy Children Calling J. Eile
THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE SPOKEN WORD
Period of Announcements
Ritual of Friendship
* Hymn 370 He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thoug
Sermon Burnout on and off the Job Dr. Hamilt
RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Solo Lead Me, Lord G.F. Hand
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)
* Our Thanks The Doxolo
* Our Prayer
* Our Hymn 68 I Sing The Mighty Power of G
GOD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR LABORS
* The Benediction

Choral Response — Nunc Dimittis
Postlude — Allegro in a minor — J.S. Bach

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Major H. Burton Daniels, Jr. by Dr. and Mrs. J. Earl Danieley.

WE ARE PLEASED to have as our liturgist today Dr. W.J. Snyder, Executive Director of the Elon Home for Children and a member of this congregation. Welcome also to the Southeast Conference Youth who are visiting the Home, and us, with their area Minister, the Rev. Mr. Warren Blankenhorn.

TODAY: 4:00 Nominating Committee
7:30 Board of Deacons

AN EXPLORATORY CLASS for new members begins next Sunday. Please meet in the Gregory Library at 9:45 a.m.

THE YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS for grades 7 and 8 will hold its first session, for youth and parents, next Sunday afternoon at 4:00.

THE ANNUAL CROP-WALK will be held October 3. Recruiters from our Community Service Committee are in the narthex, prepared to register you for this ten mile walk.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Miss Ruth Dunn upon the death of her sister, Miss Ella Virginia Dunn of Lynchburg, Va., on September 1.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Alice Schmidt at Duke.

WELCOME TO

STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF

OF ELON COLLEGE

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 5, 1982
JOSHUA 24:14-18

To be answerable is to be able to respond when someone initiates an action toward us. The people of Israel believed that God brought their forebears out of Egypt and into the Land of Promise. That action asked for appropriate response: to give God priority, keep the sabbath, and obey the Law. We Christians believe that, in Jesus, God offers us love, forgiveness, and health, and calls us to the mission of compassionate help for others. Shouldn't we answer God with trust, gratitude, and love, and with a glad readiness to act for the good of each other?

CHRISTIANS IN JAPAN

"We rejoice that Japan's churches are showing increased awareness of the dangers of 'monsters of materialism' in their super-secular society," write Mary and Phil Williams, United Church of Christ missionaries in Japan. ". . . congregations are acting with more and more sense of social responsibility."

"These congregations ask our help, since they are still a tiny minority here," they write. "Christian 'numbers' have approximately doubled in the population since 1950, but it still totals less than three percent. When we give such aid as we can (not the least for teaching English, the bridge to internationalism), there is a multiplying factor at work, for the Japanese are well prepared to pass on the gifts of good will in Southeast Asia, and in South America."

We support the important work of Mary and Phil Williams, and other UCC missionaries in Japan and in other areas of the Pacific, through our regular contributions to Our Christian World Mission.

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September 12, 1982 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Litanie M. Dupre

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Isaiah 49:14-18 (paraphrase)
Choral Introit With a Voice of Singing M. Shaw
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
* Hymn 251 Holy, Holy, Holy
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (insert)
Awarding of Life Membership
ANTHEM Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord Mendelssohn

THE WORD IN PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer for the People
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory I Waited for the Lord Mendelssohn
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
(Denise Joines, Soprano)
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts
THE SPOKEN WORD
Perior of Announcements
Ritual of Friendship
* Hymn 418 O Master Let Me Walk with Thee
Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-8
New Testament Reading Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23
Sermon Keeping the Law ... Alive Dr. Hamilton
* Hymn 260 The Church's One Foundation

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The following persons have been elected to office in the Women's Fellowship and are installed to office as a part of our Service of Worship today.

President:	Verona Danieley
Vice-President:	Vicki Holmes
Secretary:	Diane Gerlach
Treasurer:	Lou Harper
Historian:	Della Scott
Pianist:	Ruth Cheek
Christian Education:	Carol Blake
Friendly Service:	Jane Moncure
Social Action:	Phyllis Young
Spiritual Life:	Beth Wilkins
Missionary Education:	Adelia Truitt
Stewardship:	Jane Hamilton
Finance:	Lou Harper
Membership:	Kay Allen
Parish Service:	Susan Barbee
Program:	Vicki Holmes
	Carol Blake
Flower Calendar:	Reggie McLelland
	Lucy Everette
Nursery:	Marie Wilkins
Circle 1:	Teenie Burchfield
2:	Bertie Fields
3:	Sybil White
4:	Vicki Holmes
5:	Clara Noah

Recognition is also given that Mrs. Beth Wilkins is awarded Life Membership in the Church Women of the Southern Conference. This is the highest award for meritorious service through the Women's Fellowship.

OD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR LABORS
Benediction
Choral Response Agnus Dei H. Willan
Postlude Fantasy in F Major

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by James W. and Betty P. Brown whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here last evening.

DAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Women's Fellowship Executive Board
7:00 Stewardship/Missionary Education Committee
7:00 Music Committee
7:30 Board of Trustees

E ANNUAL CROP-WALK will be held October 3. Recruiters from our Community Service Committee are in the narthex, prepared to register you for this ten mile walk.

UTH of Middle Hi and Senior Hi grades, and their parents, are invited to a dinner at the Parish House next Sunday, September 19, at 6:00 p.m.

EXPLORATORY CLASS for new members meets next Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Gregory Library.

PITALIZED: Mrs. Alice Schmidt at Duke.

ICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

WELCOME TO

STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF

OF ELON COLLEGE

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 12, 1982
DEUTERONOMY 4:1-8

The Law of God: is it restraints or roots? Certainly, we need the Law to restrain us lest we exploit, oppress, betray, or destroy each other. There are dark forces in us that need to be leashed. But the Law is more than a restraint. God's Law gives life. In that way, it is like roots. It anchors us so that we are not toppled by storms of passion. It fixes our life in God's life. It nourishes human existence by giving order to our relations with each other. Thus, we prosper like plants that spring up, grow, and bear fruit in the ordered seasons of the year.

JUSTICE IN IMMIGRATION

"Support for human rights and values as new immigrants come to these shores offers the United Church of Christ opportunities for ministry . . . The proposal provides a means of rising to the challenge and seizing the opportunity for faithfulness in mission to the immigrants, migrants and refugees." Thus concluded the pronouncement on Justice in Immigration by the UCC 13th General Synod held last year. One way in which persons in the UCC are helping to turn this pronouncement into action took place in El Paso, TX.

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries sponsored an "Internalization of American Cities Consultation" last December. Approximately fifty persons, including UCC conference executives, social activists, pastors, and lay persons, from the United States and Puerto Rico met to listen to experts on immigration and refugee issues, and to share experiences on serving the new neighbors in our cities. Specific recommendations for UCC programs on immigration grew out of this important consultation.

We help to support such consultations, and other programs of the UCC national instrumentalities and agencies through our contributions to Our Christian World Mission.

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Be strong, fear not!

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September 19, 1982 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Ciacona J. Krieg

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Summer Ended, Harvest O'e
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting
* Hymn 64 All Creatures of Our God and Kin
THE LIVING WORD
Lesson from the Old Testament Isaiah 35:1-7
Lesson from the New Testament Mark 7:31-3
Anthem Not Alone for Mighty Empires G. Da
THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE SPOKEN WORD
Period of Announcements
Moment of Concern
* Hymn 218 O Jesus I Have Promise
Sermon Which Approach? Dr. Hamilto
RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Aria F. Peeter
* Our Thanks The Doxolog
* Our Prayer
* Our Hymn 384 Soldiers of Christ, Aris
GOD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR LABORS
* The Benediction

Choral Response God Be With You
Postlude Fugue in C Major G. F. Handel

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Walter Clark Perry, Jr. by Mrs. Walter C. Perry, Jr. and family, and in honor of Matthew Clark Woody who celebrates his first birthday today.

TODAY: 4:30 Confirmation Class
6:00 Youth Dinner in Parish House
6:30 Worship Committee
7:00 Outreach Committee

CERAMIC CLASSES begin tomorrow evening at 7:00 and continue on Monday evenings through November 22.

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Updyke Choral Center. The program will be presented by Miss Louetta Booe.

THE CUB SCOUTS began their fall program last week for boys of ages 7, 8, 9, and 10. Den and pack meetings will be held regularly on Tuesday evenings. For further information, please call Cubmaster Dr. George Troxler.

FAMILY NIGHT, sponsored by the Stewardship/Missionary Education Committee, is next Sunday evening at 6:00. Please bring a covered dish. Beverage and tableware will be provided.

THE ANNUAL CROP-WALK will be held October 3. Recruiters from our Community Service Committee are in the narthex, prepared to register you for this ten mile walk.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Smith and grandparents Dee and Mona Atkinson upon the birth of twin girls on September 15 in Chapel Hill.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Alice Schmidt at Duke.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 19, 1982
ISAIAH 35:4-7

There are times when it does no good to be told: "Be strong, fear not." Your energy may simply be gone and you may face real peril. To hear that God will pull you out in the nick of time may be of little use. More useful may be someone who stands by in your weakness and fear—someone as tempted to cave in as you are, but who doesn't, someone in trouble as deep as yours, but who keeps confident. The prophet Isaiah stood by the exiles in Babylon who were tempted to feel abandoned by God. Stand by people who are fearful and weak; *be* for them courage and strength.

THE ALTAR WAS WITHOUT FLOWERS

Almost exactly one year ago, the first worship service of the All Nations Indian Church, United Church of Christ, took place in Minneapolis, MN. The altar was without flowers, but a pumpkin, squash, gourds, and Indian corn lay in their place. Two Indian baskets served as offering plates, and the altar cloth was a white, blue, and red star quilt. The elements for Holy Communion were a common pottery cup and plates of Indian fry bread.

"It was a joyous celebration that marked the beginning of worship after almost three years of planning for this congregation," says Rev. Harry Stroessner, gathering pastor of the church. "We hope that the spirit of joy will continue with us as we are led by God."

This joyous celebration marked an important event in the history of the UCC—it was the first worship service of the first *urban* Indian church in our denomination!

We helped to start this important UCC church through our gifts to the Neighbors in Need offering. We can help to do more for this urban Indian church, and aid our UCC churches on Indian reservations, by supporting the UCC Council for American Indian Ministry through this year's NIN all-church offering. Please give generously!

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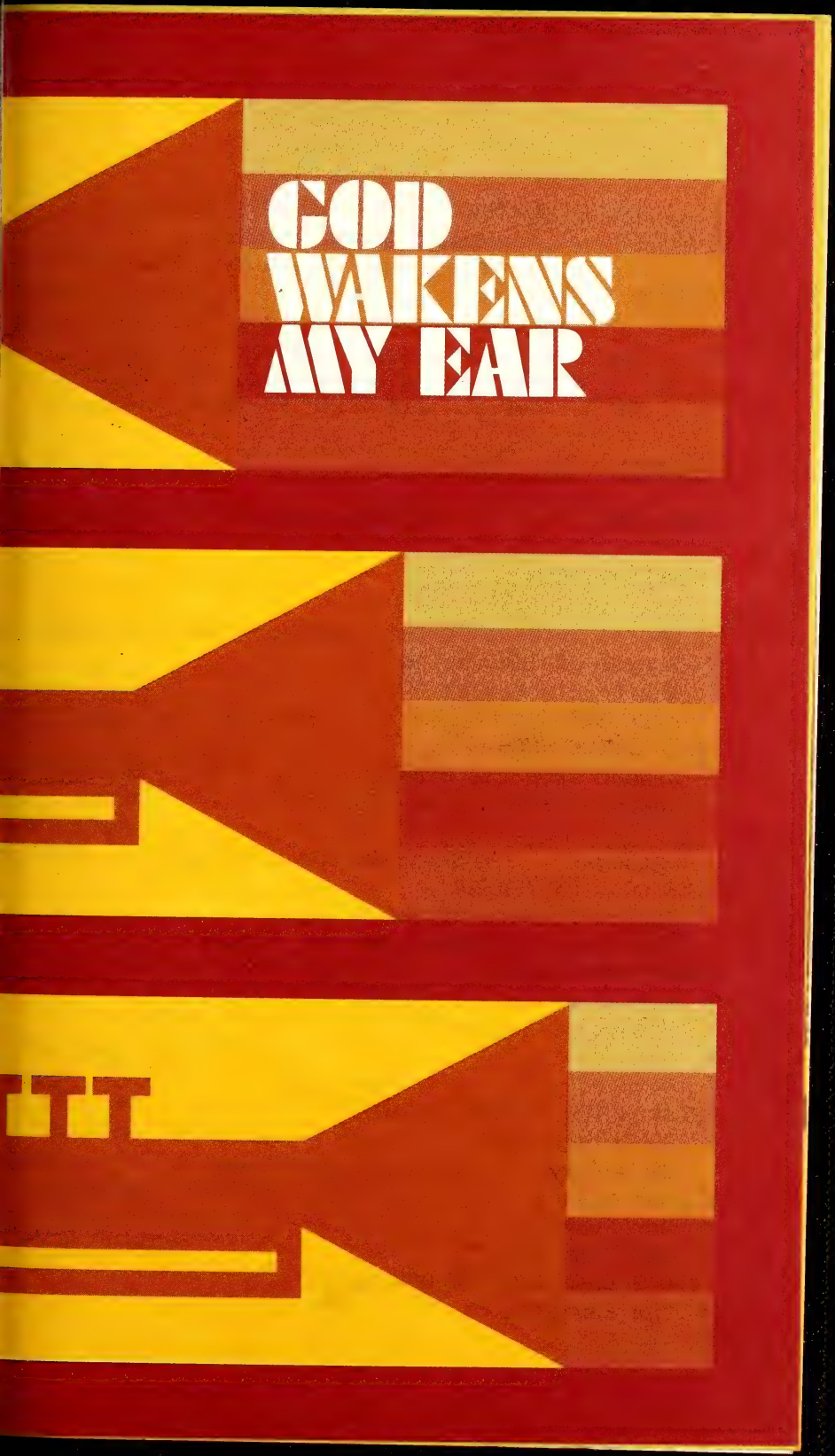
GOD WAKENS MY EAR



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September 26, 1982 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Morning Song A. Rowl

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Th
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer (all unitin
* Hymn 345 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Hea
THE LIVING WORD
Lesson from the Old Testament Isaiah 50:4
Lessons from the New Testament James 2:14-
Mark 8:27-
Anthem Trumpet in the Morning D. Wagn
THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE SPOKEN WORD
Period of Announcements
Moment of Concern
* Hymn 79 The King of Lo
Sermon Two Oars Dr. Hamilt
RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Prelude in B Minor C. Fran
* Our Thanks
* Our Prayer
* Our Hymn 451 Turn Back, O M
GOD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR LABORS
* The Benediction

CROP-WALK - - OCTOBER 3

Serve Water

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bel Veazey
ckie Pendergrass
uise Boyd
bbie Scarlata
ady's Hughes
ith Shotzberger
ckie Price
u Harper

Punch Cards

Louis Wilkins, Ch.
Jim Lyon
Alfred Hurst
Robert Kittenger
Leroy Hughes
Gene Lankford
Bill and Bessie Sloan
Bill Pendergrass

Walkers

Kris Wilkins
Beth Barbee
Susan Barbee
John Barbee
Jim and Jane Moncure
Joy Hamilton
Tom Hamilton
Shirley Beyer
Marie Wilkins
Barry Oxford

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NOTES

Volunteers who will be walking will meet at William's Stadium at 1:00.

Volunteers serving water will meet at Alumni Memorial Gymnasium at 1:30.

Volunteers punching cards will meet at Alumni Memorial Gymnasium at 2:00.

Choral Response — Nunc Dimittis
Postlude — Fastasie in C Minor — J. S. Bach

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, asking that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. E. W. Brafford and Dr. A. L. Hook.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Cary R. Matlock.

TODAY: 3:00 Scout Leaders' Training Session
4:30 Confirmation Class
6:00 Family Night

FAMILY NIGHT is this evening at 6:00 in the Parish House and is sponsored by the Stewardship/Missionary Education Committee. The program will be given by persons in our community who work every day with people in need. Please bring a covered dish. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

THE ANNUAL CROP-WALK is next Sunday. Walkers will assemble at William's Stadium at 1:00 p.m. Our congregation also will provide helpers for the rest stop at the Elon College Gymnasium. These persons should be "in place" by 1:30. Recruiters from our Community Service Committee are in the narthex, prepared to register you for this ten mile walk to feed the hungry.

NEXT SUNDAY, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion and will be receiving our special offering for Neighbors in Need.

OUR SERVICES OF WORSHIP are broadcast each Sunday over Radio Station WSOE, 89.3 FM.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Alice Schmidt at Duke.

THE INSERT lists the persons who have signed up to help with the CROP-WALK. It is not too late to add your name to the list.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 26, 1982

ISAIAH 50:4-9

How we are bombarded with sound! The radio wakes us with chatter about events, weather, and traffic. Restaurant, office, and supermarket clatter assaults our ears. We drown in noise. Finally, we develop deafness in defense. Yet, some things are good for us to hear: God's word, making plain our path, God's call to sustain each other, God's love, mediated by persons who channel divine grace. Such sounds are like trumpet calls to new life. They waken the soul like a mother's gentle speech.

REACHING COUNTLESS NEIGHBORS

Countless neighbors in our nation have been aided through your gifts to the Neighbors in Need offering. This important all-church offering has enabled our own congregations in the United Church of Christ to better understand the problems faced by many persons in our country today. The NIN offering has also empowered these neighbors to organize and effectively influence policies shaping their lives.

Just a few examples of neighbors you have reached through your gifts are:

- children suffering from physical and mental abuse
- poor people struggling to meet high energy costs
- young persons facing unemployment lines
- elderly persons unable to afford medical care
- black families fighting damaging stereotypes
- disabled persons ignored or forgotten by society
- tenants and homeowners in deteriorating neighborhoods
- American Indians in need of trained church leaders

You have given generously in the past to help persons like those listed above. To help other neighbors in need this year, please contribute to this year's NIN offering as generously as you are able.

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October 3, 1982 World Communion Sunday 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Canzona in D Minor J. S. Bac

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silenc
UNISON PRAYER
O Lord our God, in joyfulness we recognize your leading of our lives. As a company of seekers, we are grateful for these moments to turn our thoughts from ourselves to your presence with us. In devotion we offer the prayer our Master taught his disciples:
THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 328 The Lord is Rich and Mercif

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 9:30-
* Gloria Patri
Anthem Jesu, Word of God Incarnate W.A. Moza
THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy siprit.
Pastor: Let us pray:
MEDITATION To Enter the Kingdom Dr. Hamilt

THE OFFERING
Offertory Lord Jesus, I Call to Thee J. S. Ba
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Ow

Prayer of Dedication
THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (in unison) Hymnal, P. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
HYMN 252 O Word of God Incarnate

BENEDICTION
Congregational Response The Doxology
Postlude Allegro Maestoso G. F. Handel

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. James W. Lyon in memory of their parents, Mr. G. Dudley Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lyon.

OUR SPECIAL OFFERING for Neighbors in Need is received today. Additional envelopes are available in the narthex.

TODAY: 1:00 Crop-Walkers meet at William's Stadium.
1:30 Volunteers to serve water to Walkers meet at Elon Gymnasium.
2:00 Volunteers to punch cards of Walkers meet at Elon Gymnasium.
4:30 Confirmation Class
7:30 Board of Deacons

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week, as announced in "The Torch".

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE meets Tomorrow evening at 7:00.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 3, 1982
MARK 9:30-37

Because of a mistake on the roll, a child two years old was once called for jury duty in Houston, TX. What an inspired error! In the church's life, the child is the final juror before whom the church itself is on trial. Each time we baptize a child, the whole congregation, not only the parents, should take responsibility for helping that child experience the love and nurture of God. Of every annual budget we should ask: "Will this budget equip our church to serve its children as well as it does its adults?" That is a vital question since to receive one child is to receive Jesus.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

In the economically troubled times plaguing our country today, many of our neighbors are suffering from hunger, illness, alienation, and a sense of lost hope. Those who are truly in need often find themselves victims of reduced spending for social service programs.

Through this year's Neighbors in Need offering, we can minister to the needs of some of our neighbors through seven important programs:

- Ministry to Battered Wives and their Families
- Empowerment for Persons in Depressed Regions
- TV Spots Linking Hunger to World Peace
- Volunteers in Service to Human Need
- Advocacy for Families Victimized by Federal Budget Cuts
- Mission to the Disinherited of our Cities
- Ministries for American Indians

We can help to reach out to persons in our own country who are in need through this special all-church offering. Your gifts to the Neighbors in Need offering really do make a difference!

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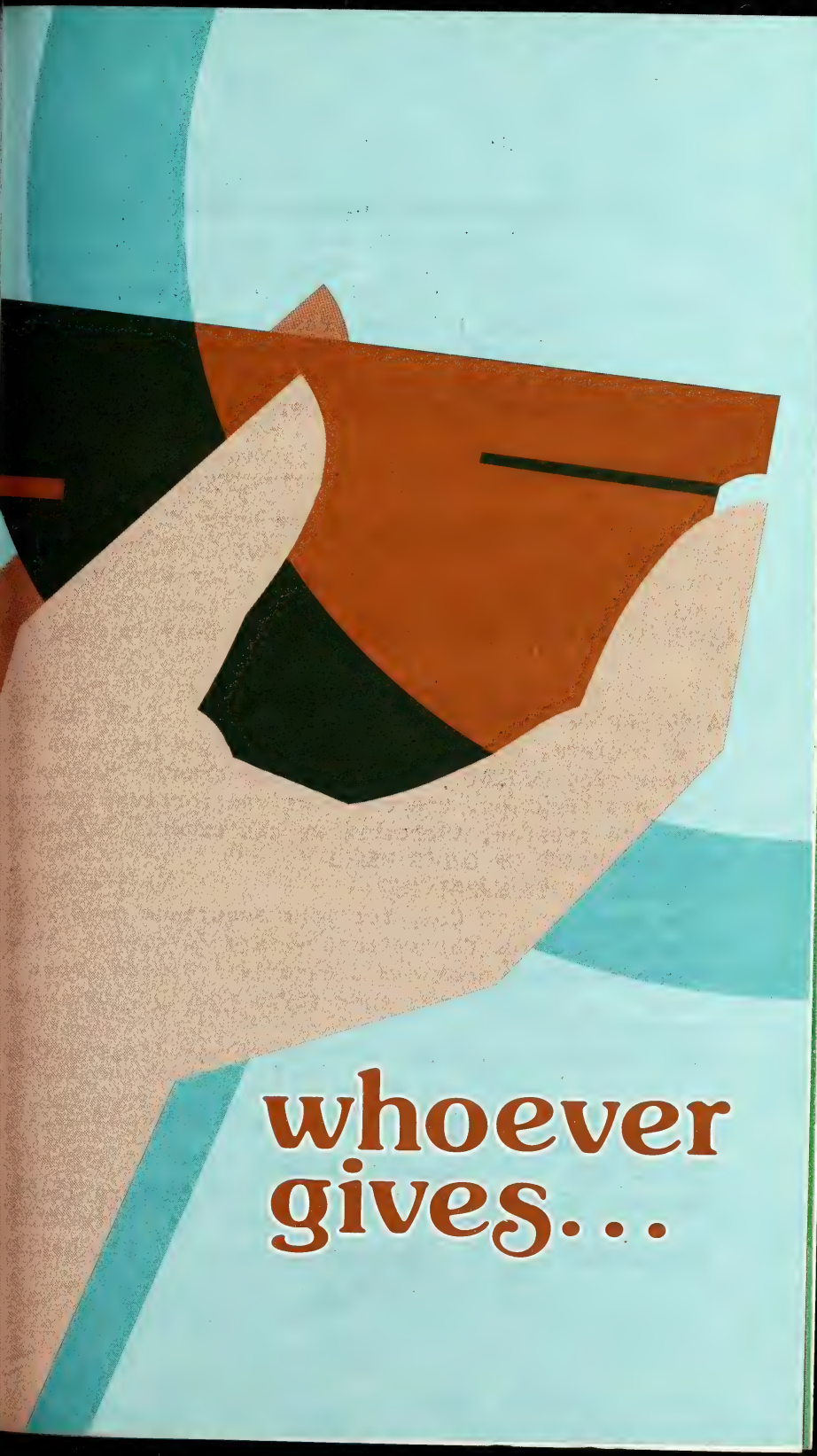
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October 10, 1982 11:00 A.M

We say why we are here

PRELUDE Sonata in C Minor F. Mendelssol
CHORAL INTROIT Not Alone for Mighty Empire
CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN OF PRAISE 1 Our God, Our Help in Ages Pas

We acknowledge who we are

*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting
We confess, our Father, that we enjoy being on the receiving end of forgiveness and trust. Because we are forgiven, therefore we can forgive; because we are trusted, therefore we can trust. Amen.
*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY
*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all uniting)
We thank you, O God, for your assurance made known to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven: that in him we are made new creatures. O Lord, open our lips that we may show forth your praise. Amen
*THE DOXOLOGY
THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (all unitin

The Word of God tells us who we ought to be

THE CHILDREN'S STORY
THE ANTHEM Great Thou Art
THE READING FROM GOD'S WORD Numbers 11:24-
Mark 9:38-
THE SERMON Prophets All Dr. Hamilt

We pledge ourselves to love God and our neighbor

LL TO PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, show your mercy upon us

People: And grant us your salvation.

E MORNING PRAYER

ESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Adagio F. Liszt

Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Our Father, in faithfulness to the trust invested in us,

People: We dedicate our gifts and our lives.

Prayer of Dedication

We go forth into the world to serve

MN 302 O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling

NEDICTION

ORAL RESPONSE God Be With You

STLUDE Prelude in G Major J. S. Bach

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Marjorie Hunter and Dorothy Hunter Walker in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. Allen Hunter and Richard Allen Hunter.

DAY: 4:30 Confirmation Class

6:00 Middle Hi and Senior Hi Youth and Parents

7:00 Music Committee

URCH WOMEN UNITED will sponsor a Bible Study Wednesday, October 13, at the First Baptist Church, Broad Street, Burlington, beginning at 10 a.m. Contact Verona Danieley if you need a ride.

E ANNUAL MEETING of the ENC Association will be held Saturday at First Reformed UCC, Burlington. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

TICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 10, 1982

MARK 9:38-48

In a story by the English author, G.K. Chesterton, a criminal disguised as a postman completely escaped detection. Everyone was so accustomed to seeing postmen that no one saw him at all. We are often oblivious to the obvious or commonplace. Jesus commended small, ordinary kindnesses, like giving someone a cup of cold water. Such kindnesses are easy to overlook, and thus easy to omit. Yet they offer us an opportunity to show friendship. When Jesus calls us to servanthood, he asks us to be ready to answer life's needs, whether they are small or large.

A LAY COUPLE'S SPECIAL STEWARDSHIP

Lay persons in the United Church of Christ often provide distinct leadership in the local church, in conference positions, and in national settings of the UCC. Some people, like Edwin and Roberta Doughty, even provide leadership and service to persons in other countries—like Honduras.

"Edwin and Roberta (Ed and Robbie) Doughty have been coming to Honduras during the winter months for the past twelve years," write Bob and Kay Olson, UCC missionaries in Yoro, Honduras. "Stewardship to them means volunteering their help to the Evangelical & Reformed Church in Honduras in any way they can. In the summer months they serve people at their campground in Maine."

The Doughtys first worked to help Dr. Joyce Baker, another UCC missionary, open a clinic in Pinalejo as part of the mission of the Evangelical & Reformed Church, the Olsons write. They also helped to distribute money and materials for new homes to the survivors of Hurricane Fifi in 1974, and were on hand again with food, clothing, and building materials when an earthquake leveled many homes and the badly damaged Pinalejo mission house and church in 1976. Ed is currently helping out at the UCC-related Evangelical & Reformed Education Center (CEVER) in Yoro, and Robbie is doing volunteer work at the orphanage and hospital in San Pedra Sula.

Whether volunteers in Honduras—like the Doughtys—or employed workers at all levels of church work, lay persons are helping, through the stewardship of their skills and energy, to make mission happen in the United Church of Christ.

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October 17, 1982 11:00 A.M

We say why we are here

PRELUDE Pastorale M. I. Johnso
Prelude on "Now Thank We" W. Hel
CHORAL INTROIT Our Father, By Whose Nam
CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN OF PRAISE 204 Rejoice, The Lord is Kin

We acknowledge who we are

*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting
Gracious God, we confess that often we are too busy with our own tasks to see if they fit into your plans for us. Forgive us, and help us to accept forgiveness. Amen.
*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY
*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all uniting
We thank you, O God, for your assurance made known to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven: that in him we are made new creatures. O Lord, open our lips that we may show forth your praise. Amen.
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The Word of God tells us who we ought to be

THE CHILDREN'S STORY
THE ANTHEM O Come Ye Servants of the Lord C. T
O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace
THE READING FROM GOD'S WORD Genesis 2:18-
Mark 10:1

IE SERMON Why Some Marriages Succeed Dr. Hamilton

We pledge ourselves to love God and our neighbor

LL TO PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, show your mercy upon us

People: And grant us your salvation.

E MORNING PRAYER

ESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory God's Time Is Best J. S. Bach

Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Our Father, in faithfulness to the trust invested in us,

People: We dedicate our gifts and our lives.

Prayer of Dedication

We go forth into the world to serve

MN 97 God of Our Life

NEDICTION

ORAL RESPONSE God Be With You

STLUDE Nun Danket Alle Gott S. Karg-Elert

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Guy R. Lambert by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vickers, Jr.

WELCOME David Vaughan as our Guest Organist today.

DAY: 4:30 Confirmation Class.

E FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Updyke Choral Center.

EASE SECURE your statement of third quarter contributions from the narthex.

ALS-ON-WHEELS deliveries are made this week by Reggie McLelland, Phyllis Young, Carolyn Lightbourne, Gladys Simpson, and Jackie Pendergrass.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 17, 1982
MARK 10:2-16

"Hardness of heart," Jesus told Paiestinians of his day, accounted for some provisions in Jewish law that governed the relations of the sexes in their world. The injustices visited on women by our society—including attitudes and actions of people who regard themselves as Christians—may be due to a similar hard-heartedness. Maleness and femaleness, said Jesus, are according to God's intent. Parity for women in the marketplace, before the law, in parental roles, and in church life: are these not implied in the faith that *God* made us female and male?

A LOOK AT WOMEN IN THE UCC

We in the United Church of Christ have much to be thankful for when we look at the contributions of women in our church. From the two women who set sail from Salem, Massachusetts, enroute to India in 1812 to the approximately 150 women currently serving as UCC missionaries, from the women supporting their husbands' ministries in the church to the women clergy providing leadership in our denomination, from the women working in local church committees to the women heading up national agencies of the UCC, women have been invaluable in helping to shape the life of the United Church of Christ!

One way that women in the UCC are currently working together and sharing their concerns is through a national partnership of UCC women and women's groups called UCC Women in Mission. This new "linkage" of women in the church recovers an important connection that was lost when the National Women's Fellowship and Women's Guild disbanded at the time of the UCC merger in 1957.

Administered by the UCC Coordinating Center for Women in Church and Society, Women in Mission is helping to strengthen women's organizations in the UCC, helping to foster growth in faith journeys of individual women, and helping to give greater visibility and unity to the women in our denomination.

Through UCC Women in Mission and other efforts, women will continue to give of their strength and vision in supporting the total mission of the United Church of Christ.

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October 24, 1982 11:00 A.M.

We say why we are here

PRELUDE Caprice in C Minor M. Green
CHORAL INTROIT Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sak
CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN OF PRAISE 65 Glory Be to God on Hig

We acknowledge who we are

*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting
God of Mercy, your hopes for us are greater than our own; yet our failures do not surprise you. Forgive us for the sin we cannot see or find painful to confess. Amen.
*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY
*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all unitin
We thank you, O God, for your assurance made know to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven: that in him we are made new creatures. O Lord, open our lips that we may show forth your praise. Amen
*THE DOXOLOGY
THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (all unitin

The Word of God tells us who we ought to be

THE ANTHEM Acquaint Now Thyself with Him M. He
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
THE READING FROM GOD'S WORD Proverbs 3:13-
Mark 10:17-
THE SERMON Whatever is Lacking Dr. Hamil

We pledge ourselves to love God and our neighbor

ALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, show your mercy upon us

People: And grant us your salvation.

HE MORNING PRAYER

RESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Adagio in G G. Pergolesi

(Kyle Campbell, Flute)

* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Prayer of Dedication

We go forth into the world to serve

*YMN 212 Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

*ENEDICTION

*HORAL RESPONSE Nunc Dimittis

*OSTLUDE Voluntary in D Major G. Young

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of John W. Barney, Jr. by the family.

E WELCOME our guest flutist, Kyle Campbell, to our worship service today. She is a senior human services and religion major from Lutherville, Maryland.

ODAY: 3:00 Allied Churches of Alamance at Blessed Sacrament

4:30 Confirmation Class

UB PACK 51 holds its Father/Son cake auction Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

HE DISTRICT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP dinner meeting is Thursday evening at 7:00 at Carolina UCC.

LEASE SUBMIT your pledge toward the 1983 church budget. On October 31, the Finance Committee will canvass members who have yet to pledge.

INANCIAL STATEMENTS of third quarter contributions are available in the narthex.

UR SERVICE OF WORSHIP each Sunday is broadcast over radio station WSOE, 89.3 FM.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 24, 1982

MARK 10:17-27

"How hard for those who have riches to enter the kingdom!" That is a hard saying of the gospel! The disciples were not prepared for it, nor has the Christian world ever been. The church later tried to soften it, but never succeeded. Jesus says, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom . . ." This may be an urging to commit undivided attention to God's reign. Poverty crushes and brutalizes the soul; wealth lulls it into a false sense of security. In both are hazards. We must *not* equate wealth with virtue, or poverty with virtue.

OUR "REFORMED" HERITAGE

What became the [German] Reformed Church in the United States developed in Switzerland and Germany during the sixteenth century out of the attempt by Martin Luther, Philipp Melancthon, Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin, and others to reform the church of their day. During the 1700s and 1800s, oppressive conditions caused thousands of German-speaking Reformed emigrants to come to America. Most of them settled in the northeastern part of the country where pioneer pastors like John Philip Boehm, who served 25 Pennsylvania congregations between 1725 and 1749, and Michael Schlatter, who formed the church's first administrative body in 1747, succeeded in bringing Reformed people together.

Despite serious problems during the 1800's, the church consolidated. It developed catechetical instruction, liturgical worship, regular celebration of the sacraments, use of the English language, and a presbyterian form of government. The church also published magazines, organized societies, sponsored home and foreign missions, and supported educational institutions, such as the theological seminary at Mercersburg, PA.

Recognition of the church's continuity and unity inspired its leaders to discuss merger with other denominations. In 1934 successful negotiations led to a merger with the Evangelical Synod of North America. And in 1957, the Evangelical & Reformed Church became a part of the United Church of Christ.

—John B. Frantz
Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

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October 31, 1982 11:00 a.m

We say why we are here

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in A Minor J. S. Bac
(Charles Wilkins, Organist)
CHORAL INTROIT For the Brave of Every Rac
CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN OF PRAISE 481 I Sing a Song of the Saints of Go

We acknowledge who we are

*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all unitin
Almighty God, you have called us into your church
to be your servants in the service of others.
Forgive us whenever we fall short of your call,
through Jesus Christ whose Body we are. Amen.
*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY
*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all unitin
We thank you, O God, for your assurance made know
to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven: that
in him we are made new creatures. O Lord, open
our lips that we may show forth your praise. Amen
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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Word of God tells us who we ought to be

THE CHILDREN'S STORY
THE ANTHEM Sine Nomine R. Vaughan Willia
THE READING FROM GOD'S WORD Isaiah 53:10-
Mark 10:35-

HE SERMON Lord, Do Us a Favor Dr. Hamilton

We pledge ourselves to love God and our neighbor

ALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, show your mercy upon us

People: And grant us your salvation.

HE MORNING PRAYER

RESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Andante (Sonata in A) F. Mendelssohn

Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Litany of Dedication

Prayer of Dedication

YMN 310 O What Their Joy and Glory Must Be

ENEDICTION

HORAL RESPONSE God Be With You

OSTLUDE Voluntary in F G. Young

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blanchard in honor of their parents Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Underwood and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Spence.

ODAY: 4:00 Finance Committee
4:30 Confirmation Class

EW MEMBERS received today are Mrs. Wayne Bunting (Elaine), Mrs. Steve Perry (Kim), and Mr. and Mrs. Hunt Ward (Julia).

ODAY is the day to submit pledges to underwrite our 1983 Proposed Budget. Advance pledges brought us to fifty per cent of our goal. The Finance Committee will call on other members and families and intends to complete the canvass this week. The support of every member is vital.

HE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP quarterly meeting has been re-scheduled for tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Updyke Choral Center. They invite the membership to hear Mary Elias, missionary from Sri Lanka.

ONGRATULATIONS to Mr. A. L. Rich as he celebrates his 99th birthday on Tuesday.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 31, 1982
MARK 10:34-45

The heart has two beats: systolic and diastolic. The Christian life has two heartbeats: taking in and giving out. It is fatal to neglect either. Vital Christian living begins in being loved, owned, and saved. Prayer, worship, study, and open-souled receptivity toward God's grace must come first and regularly. If not, faith becomes exhausting and confused drudgery. But once our need is served, we are called to serve others as God serves us. Otherwise, faith becomes egocentric and hypocritical, a vapid and false reading of the mind of Jesus, our Servant and Source.

REFORMING AND RENEWING

In the 1500's, posting theses on the castle-church door at Wittenburg was considered a normal way to start an academic debate. So when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses 465 years ago, he expected to stimulate academic thought and possible controversy. Instead, Luther found himself leading a nationwide movement of protest that led to the Protestant Reformation.

Luther and other leaders of the Reformation, such as John Calvin, based their beliefs in scripture—scripture that not only needed to be read and accepted, but *understood.* After re-examining and studying the writings of St. Paul, for instance, Luther began to understand God in a new light. God is forgiving and righteous instead of a tyrannical, harsh judge! "I felt myself absolutely born again," Luther said. "The gates of Paradise had been flung open and I had entered. There and then the whole of Scripture took on another look to me . . ."

Today on Reformation Sunday the same scriptures speak to us. What kind of look do they take on for *us*? And will *our* understanding lead us to be a part of a church that is continually being reformed and renewed?

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November 7, 1982 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Processional W. Mathi

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit With a Voice of Singing M. Sh
Pastor: Great and wonderful are the deeds of the Lord God, the Almighty.
People: Just and true are his ways, for he is Kin of all ages.
Pastor: Who shall not fear and glorify the name o the Lord who alone is holy?
People: All nations shall be gathered as one and who sits upon the throne will shelter the with his presence.
Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 363 A Mighty Fortress is Our G
MOMENT OF CONCERN Gerlach Fami

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:
New Testament Reading I Peter 1:
THE WORD OF PRAYER
Hymn 234 Breathe on Me Breath of G
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Variations on a French Theme Balbas
* Congregational Response The Doxol
* Dedication of Gifts

IE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Anthem For the Beauty of the Earth J. Rutter
(Nancy Thomas, Piano)

Sermon Exiles From Home Dr. Hamilton

)ING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 29 Now Thank We All Our God

Benediction

Choral Response Nunc Dimittis

Postlude Finale from the First Symphony L.Vierne

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CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Walter Boyd and Mrs. Jackie Pendergrass.

IE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. J. Fred Young.

RENTS' WEEKEND at Elon College concludes today. It is a pleasure to welcome parents to the campus and community. We are also pleased to have you share in our Service of Worship this morning.

IE CIVINETTES of Western Alamance High School are visiting with us today. Welcome.

DAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Middle Hi Youth
5:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Board of Deacons

IE BOARD OF DEACONS holds its regular monthly meeting this evening at 7:00 at the parsonage.

IE ELON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Tuesday evening. The men are invited to come at 6:30 for a cook-out. The business session with election of officers follows at 7:30.

IANKS to all the members who have submitted pledges toward the 1983 Proposed Budget. A full report will be presented to the Board of Deacons this evening. Additional pledges may still be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 7, 1982
JEREMIAH 31:7-9

Hebrew ears may have danced with joy when they heard the prophetic word given to their ancestors: God would rescue them from exile and return them to the shrines and Temples of their homeland. God had kept that promise. They had been gathered back and reestablished as a faith community. The old promise has meaning for us, today. God has gathered us into a world community of faith. In farmlands, cities, hamlets, and towns, on every continent of the earth, God still keeps the promise. Let the hearts of God's people dance in gratitude and joy!

SHARING OUR TIME AND OUR SKILLS

For too many people, stewardship translates into "giving money." While sharing our material resources is a good way to give of ourselves, being God's stewards also means sharing our time and our skills.

One way that persons in the United Church of Christ give of themselves is through volunteer work. Our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries provides many opportunities for persons young and old to volunteer their services. The National Park Ministry is one such program. Many seminary students across the country participate in this program each summer. They often lead worship services and Bible study groups at the national parks, and sometimes provide counseling and special programs for summer park employees.

"The ministry here on the east side of Mt. Ranier has required of me discipline, patience, humor, growth, stubbornness, strength, and endurance," says Karen Ludwig, a UCC seminary student who volunteered for this summer program. "My faith and abilities have been challenged and stretched in every imaginable way."

Both lay and clergy persons can volunteer their time and skills to help others through such important programs. Volunteering is good stewardship!

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John Barbee and Trip Walker, Acolytes

November 14, 1982 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Blessed Jesu, At Thy Word J.S. Ba

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Let Us With A Gladsome Mi
Pastor: God is our refuge and strength. Therefor we will not fear, though the mountains sh and the waters roar, and the earth change.
People: The God of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob and Rachel is our refuge.
Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 66 For the Beauty of the Ear
THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 6:1
New Testament Reading Mark 12:28-
THE WORD OF PRAYER
Hymn 228 Love Divi
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Air for Organ F. Peete
* Congregational Response The Doxolo
* Dedication of Gifts
THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION
Anthem Sing to the Lord of Harvest Healey Wil
Sermon Mind, Soul, and Heart Dr. Hamil
GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 439 Not Alone for Mighty Emp
* Benediction

Choral Response		Agnus Dei
Postlude	Fugue in G Minor	J.S. Bach

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. George D. Colclough by Mrs. Colclough and family.

DAY:

2 - 7	Conference Advent Workshop in Parish House
3 - 5	Reception for young adults and college students.
4:00	Confirmation Class
5:00	Middle Hi Youth at Youngs
7:00	Music Committee
7:00	Christian Education Committee

ANK OFFERING: As a part of our Morning Worship, money given through the circles of our Women's Fellowship will be presented at the altar for dedication to the ministries of the Family Thank Offering projects.

E FUN CLUB will have its annual Thanksgiving Covered Dish Luncheon Tuesday at 12:00 in the Updyke Choral Center. Bring a covered dish, salad, or dessert. Beverage will be provided.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held next Sunday following our Service of Worship to act on the Report of the Nominating Committee and the Proposed Church Budget.

ALS-ON-WHEELS are delivered by our members this week.

TICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 14, 1982
MARK 12:28-34

God, it seems, does not like fractions. God asks for the whole of the self: its feelings, attitudes and aspirations, thought, and energy. "All." And that's true about our money, too. God asks for it all, not just the ten per cent stipulated by the law of the tithe, or the five per cent we are asked to give for the church's local and wider work, an amount we call the "modern tithe." God asks for one hundred cents of every dollar. How we *get* money, how much money we *give* for others, and what we do with what we *keep*: all these are issues for Christian stewardship.

FREED TO LOVE, FREED TO LIVE, FREE TO GIVE

Freedom. It is a powerful word. It is a concept we cherish. We bristle if our own sense of freedom is threatened. And yet, often we don't quite feel free. It seems strange, but many times those who are suffering under great oppression are the people who best understand freedom. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German theologian who was imprisoned and eventually executed by Hitler, spoke eloquently of freedom. Saint Paul, despite being the object of continual distrust and persecution, spoke authoritatively of the freedom that grew from his faith.

For both Paul and Bonhoeffer, the source of freedom was God. They learned the lessons of freedom from Christ. They learned that one cannot acquire freedom. One cannot possess it. For in trying to seize it, freedom is lost.

We discover that freedom comes in letting go, not in holding on; in sharing, not in getting. Freedom is a gift from God. In the moments in which we accept freedom, we discover God's giving nature. With the acceptance of the gift, we recognize that we have been freed to love. We have been freed to live. And in a moment of exciting insight, we understand an undeniable lesson of Christ: The true act of freedom is giving, for in giving, our freedom is affirmed. In our giving, God draws a delicate circle to completion. Freedom, and giving, and living, and loving become inseparable.

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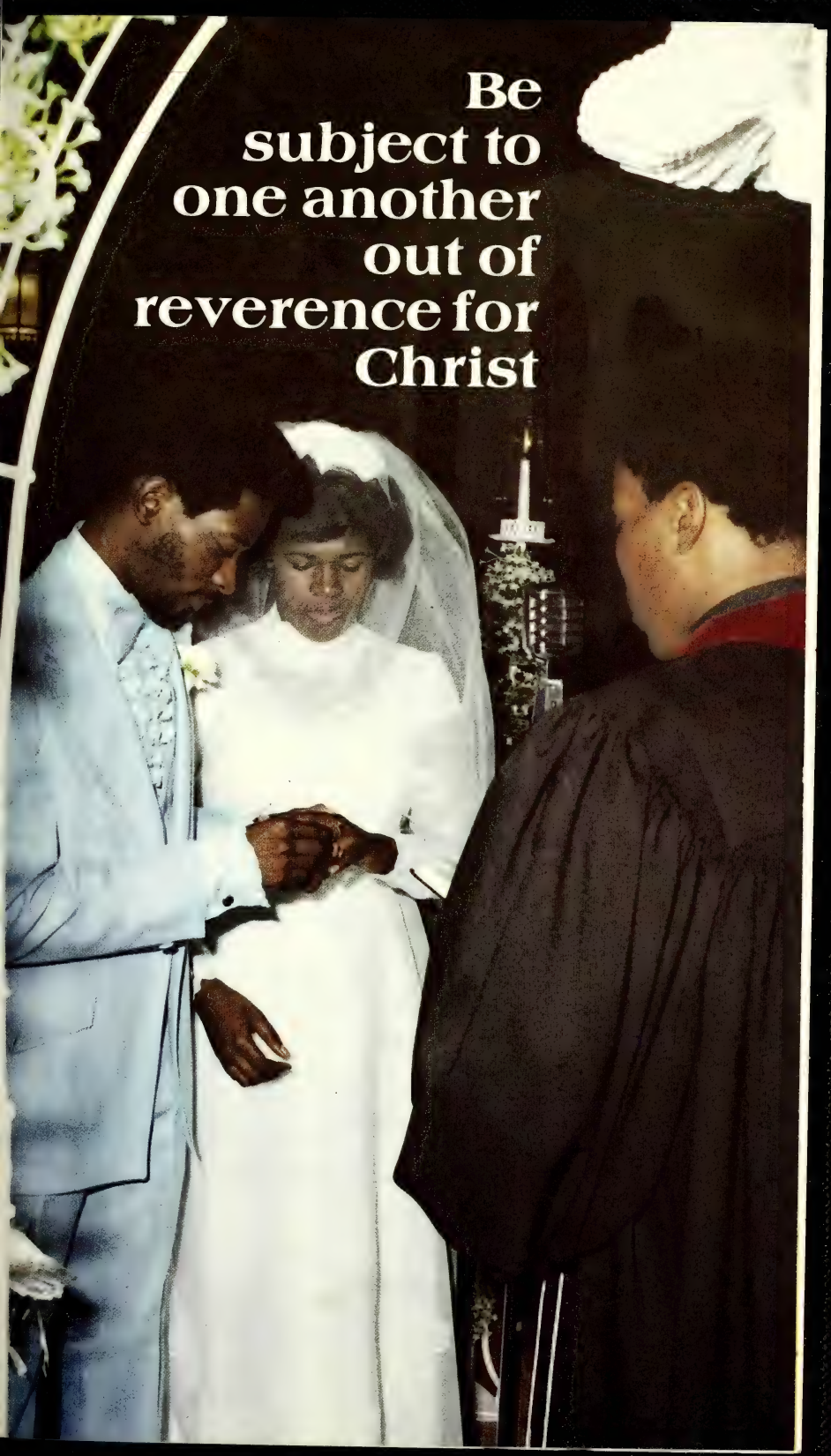
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November 20, 1982
Three O'Clock

THE PRE-NUPTIAL MUSIC
Lighting The Candles
The Solo If You Only Believe Mr. I. Ga
THE PROCESSIONAL

THE MARRIAGE SERVICE
The Prayer Rev. Dav
The Solo Truly Mr. Hort
The Significance of Marriage Rev. Mart
The New Testament Reading I Corinthians

The Address to Eugenia and James Dr. Hamilt
The Vows of Intent

The Vows of Marriage
The Exchange of Rings
The Pronouncement
The Blessing
Lighting the Unity Candle
The Prayers Rev. Shar
The Solo The Lord's Prayer Mrs. Alst
The Benediction Rev. Shar

THE RECESSIONAL
Sounding of the Bells

MATRON OF HONOR	Mrs. Evelyn Fay Francis
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November 21, 1982 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Awake, Awake to Work and Love W. Hel

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit A Hymn of Thanksgivin
Pastor: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who has given us life and we belong to him.
People: Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his benefits.
Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 461 Come, Ye Thankful People, Com

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE
New Testament Reading Philippians 4:4-7, 11-13, 2

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory We Gather Together arr. Kremse
(Cris Bragg, Piano)
* Congregational Response The Doxolog
* Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION
Anthem For the Beauty of the Earth J. Rutte
(Charles Wilkins, Piano)
Sermon The Goodness of God Dr. Hamilto

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 460 We Plow the Fields and Scatte
The Congregational Meeting
* Benediction
* Choral Response Now Thank We All Our G
* Postlude Nun Danket ist Unser Gott Karg-Ele

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. T. Edward Powell, III in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Robert Yeager.

TODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 Dinner for Middle and Senior Hi Youth, their families, and invited guests.
7:00 Board of Deacons

A BUSINESS MEETING of the congregation will be held at the conclusion of our Service of Worship. Action is to be taken on the report of the nominating committee and the Proposed Church Budget.

THE STEWARDSHIP/MISSIONARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the Gregory Library.

CUB PACK 51, sponsored by our church meets Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

OUR THANKSGIVING EVE Service of Praise is Wednesday evening at 7:00. Our congregation is joining with the First Baptist Church of Elon College for this Service which is to be held at the First Baptist Church.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the narthex for special contributions to the Elon Home for Children.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Birdie Scott at Memorial.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 21, 1982

KINGS 17:8-16

That Phoenecian woman, giving her last piece of bread to a starving Hebrew prophet, found her way into Jesus' sermon in his home synagogue. Here was a Gentile risking her survival, and her son's, to save a Jew. Such boundary-breaking action, said Jesus, warranted his ministry to outsiders. It warrants ours, too. Our concern for each other must break bounds set by skin color, education, economic class, political outlook, theological stance, and national loyalty. Simply that someone else is a human: is not that all we should require to claim our concern?

AN EXTRA PLATE FOR THE UNKNOWN GUEST

Today on Thanksgiving many of us will join family and friends to share a special Thanksgiving dinner, perhaps with turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings. Some of us may even have an extra plate set for the "unknown guest," someone who could use good food and companionship on this day.

One way we can reach the "unknown guest" is through the United Church of Christ Hunger Action Fund. This important fund supports specific hunger-alleviating projects in the U.S. and influences government food policies and programs that directly affect the hungry in our country and around the world.

Gifts to the Hunger Action Fund reached $241,000 last year, an increase of $64,000 over 1980 income. While we celebrate this increase, the needs of hungry people still far exceed the income. We in the church need to be even more generous in our response to offerings like the Hunger Action Fund, especially in light of sweeping federal budget cuts aimed at social service programs.

Through our gifts to the UCC Hunger Action Fund, we can reach many "unknown guests" in our midst and in the world. Please give generously.

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November 28, 1982 First Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Voluntary in F Major M. Gree

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Prophe

PRAISE TO GOD

Choral Introit Christ is the World's True Lig

Pastor: Now is the time of watching and waiting, the time of expectation of a new life.

People: Now is the time of hope unfolding.

Unison: We come before the Lord with receptive and willing spirits. Praise God. He brings the birthday of life and hope.

* Hymn 110 O Come, O Come, Emmanu

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 33:14-

New Testament Reading Luke 21:25-

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Magnificat for Flutes M. Corret

* Congregational Response The Doxolo

* Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Anthem Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying J.S. Ba

Sermon In Our Joy and in Our Sorrow Dr. Hamilt

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 43 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Ski

* Benediction

Choral Response God Be With You
Postlude Suite in D - Allegro M. Greene

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shomaker in memory of her father, Mr. E. T. Murray, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Shomaker.

TODAY is the first day of Advent. The paraments are changed to the violet color of royalty; the door wreaths are in place; the Advent Wreath Stand is ready. And we begin our preparations for the Christmas season.

CUB PACK 51, sponsored by our church meets Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the Gregory Library.

HE CONGREGATION VOTED last Sunday to defer action on the proposed budget until December 5.

HRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyd upon the death of his mother, Mrs. W. J. Boyd of Mathews, Virginia on November 22.

OSPITALIZED: Mrs. Hilda Hughes at County.

RTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 1982
JEREMIAH 33:14-16

Jeremiah has two minds about human hope for justice. In one vision, he sees justice coming in the advent of the Messiah. In another, it is to come through a People of God. Some of us may ask: "But will justice ever come—through *any* agent, human or divine? In courtrooms, legislatures, marketplaces, and habitations of the poor, will justice always be partly a fulfillment and partly a tantalizing dream?" Advent quickens hope in God's promise, reaffirms God's down-payment in Jesus, points to hope's fulfillment, and summons us to work *now* for justice in every land.

CELEBRATING THE COMING OF CHRISTMAS

Advent is an exciting time for many of us. The lighting of candles, the singing of joyful hymns, the anticipation of celebrating the birth of Christ all contribute to our sense of gladness this season.

All across the world, Christian people gather together to join in Advent services—even in the face of dangerous conditions in their countries. One missionary who is teaching in Sri Lanka, for example, writes of terrorism and the army's violent reprisal. Yet he says "we were also able to hold our own Christmas Carol Service the First Sunday in Advent."

"The students surprised us all with their excellent sound," he writes, "and we concluded with Bach's 'Jesu, Priceless Treasure' a capella, while slides were shown on the bare wall above the altar of stained glass Christmas windows . . . Another hit was a Pueblo Indian chant rendered enthusiastically by the boys of the new home next door to the church."

This first Sunday in Advent, let us remember our overseas brothers and sisters who also celebrate this joyous season, even in turbulent, troubled times. Together we share the heightened awareness of the meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ.

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Peace

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December 5, 1982 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Carols for Advent arr. W. Nevin

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES Bethlehe

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Come Thou Long Expected Jesu
Pastor: The wilderness shall be glad; the desert shall blossom; and all flesh shall see God's majesty and glory.
People: God will strengthen the weak hands and give heart to the fearful. God comes in Christ to save the faithful.
Unison: They will obtain joy and gladness for sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
* Hymn 119 As With Gladness Men of O

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:2,6
New Testament Reading Luke 3:1

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Hymn 131 Lo, How a Rose E'er Bloomi
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Greensleeves arr. R. Purv
* Congregational Response The Doxolo
* Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION
Anthem Magnificat J. Phill
(Denise Joines, Soprano)

Sermon Prepare the Way Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 114 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Congregational Meeting

Benediction

Choral Response Nunc Dimittis

Postlude How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Pachelbel

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Col. and Mrs. Dariel Burchfield in memory of Captain Joe S. Burchfield who was also memorialized at the recent dedication of the monument in Washington, D.C. to servicemen who died in Vietnam.

WELCOME the members of the Mary Sue Brittle Class of Bethlehem Christian Church, Suffolk, Va., who worship with us as a part of their annual visit to the Elon Home for Children.

E CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is held today to take action on the Proposed 1983 Church Budget.

DAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Senior Hi Youth
6:30 Board of Deacons
6:30 Women's Executive Board
8:00 Handel's "Messiah" in Whitley Auditorium

U ARE INVITED to a Christmas Open House at Western High School this afternoon from two to four o'clock . . . and to an Open House at St. Mark's Church celebrating the completion of their renovation program, this afternoon from three to five o'clock.

MILY NIGHT is December 19. The covered dish dinner will be followed by the presentation of the Children's Christmas Program.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 1982
ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

If ever there was a "people who walked in darkness," we could be it! The world today feels like a giant San Andreas fault. Let conflict break out anywhere, and we watch nervously to see if the reverberations will set off enough nuclear hardware to destroy each of us a half dozen times. Where does the hope for peace fit in a world like that? Perhaps nowhere—unless God is in the struggle for peace and followers of the Prince of Peace get in it, too. Advent heralds such a God. In Christ's coming, God joins the work of peacemaking and calls us to be peacemakers, *now*.

WORLD PEACE

A veteran political reporter was recently quoted as saying, "There is no question that a peace movement is emerging in opposition to nuclear weapons. And the foundation of it is in the churches."

Roman Catholics as well as Quakers, evangelicals as well as mainline Protestants are uniting their efforts with persons of good will the world over against the arms race and against the threat of a nuclear conflagration.

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ in 1982 voted to move the UCC in the direction of becoming a "peace church" and to set peace as the topmost priority during the next four years. UCC Conference Executives added their witness to this priority in their recent message to our congregations by calling for a halt to the "suicidal buildup" of nuclear and chemical weapons. The conference ministers declared that the existence of such weapons is contrary to the will of God. They urged the redistribution of resources from arms to human need, noting, "Weapons starve the poor. Where Christ is present, the poor are fed."

As followers of the Prince of Peace, we are increasingly aware that our mission in the world includes the mighty task of peacemaking for the sake of all humanity.

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Love

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December 12, 1982 Christmas Choral Service 11:00 a.m

Prelude: Fugue in D Major G.F. Hande
(Charles Wilkins, Organist)
Introit: Hodie Christus B. Britte
*Processional Hymn 132 O Come All Ye Faithfu

*Call to Worship: Dr. Hamilto
*The Lord's Prayer
Lighting the Advent Candles Shepher

Service of Lessons and Carols

First Lesson: The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile.
Isaiah 40:1-10 Jo Ann Gerlac
"Even So Lord Jesus Quickly Come" Paul Mar

Second Lesson: The Lord Promises a Righteous King that will bring peace to Israel.
Jeremiah 23:5-6 Trip Walke
Zechariah 9:9-10
"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" Ronald Kauffma

Third Lesson: The Prophet foretells the glory of the Kingdom of God.
Isaiah 35:1-6 Andre Wilki
"Sleepers Wake Chorus" J.S. Ba

Fourth Lesson: The Christmas Story
Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-7 David You
Hymn 110 O Come, O Come Emmanu

TODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
4:00 Rehearsal for Children's Program
5:00 Middle High Youth
7:00 Community Caroling

THE COMMUNITY CAROLING will begin at the Town Hall this evening at 7:00 and eventually end up at the Parish House for refreshments.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP quarterly meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Updyke Choral Center.

THE FUN CLUB will go to Raleigh Tuesday to see the Christmas decorations at the Governor's Mansion. Please meet in the south parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, for our Worship Service, we will have the Western Alamance High School Wind Ensemble as our guest musicians. A Family Night covered dish dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Children's Christmas Program.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

The Morning Prayer
The Offertory: Silent Night arr: T. Smith
(Cris Bragg, Piano)

Fifth Lesson: The Shepherds' Story
Luke 2:8-20 Carter Gerlach
"Angels and Shepherds" arr: C.H. Trevor

Sixth Lesson: The Wise Men
St. Matthew 2:1-15 Jo Ann Gerlach
"Ding Dong Merrily on High" arr: David Wilcocks

Seventh Lesson: St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.
St. John 1:1-10 Alan Young
"The Advent of our God" Eugene Butler

Hymn: 136 On This Day Earth Shall Ring
Benediction
Choral Response: Of the Father's Love Begotten
Plainsong
Postlude Lankford Memorial Chimes

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Col. Dariel Burchfield and Mr. J. Mark McAdams.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark McAdams in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zebulon Vance Strader and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Charles McAdams.

THANKS to Mrs. Bragg and the Adult Choir for this offering of Christmas choral music. The liturgists, acolytes, instrumentalists are members of the Senior High Youth Fellowship. We also welcome Mr. Alston P. Jones, Head Librarian at Elon College, as oboist. We are appreciative of the participation of all.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 1982

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18

Love is a town. Not necessarily with a courthouse, public library, or shopping mall, of course, for these places can be scenes of harried, sterile, and dehumanizing life. Zephaniah could well have understood that. He lived in Jerusalem six centuries before Jesus. Lovelessness had corrupted his city and threatened its peace. But Zephaniah foresaw God's coming to town. With that advent, God would lift the judgment against Jerusalem, renew relations that redeem public life, bring gladness and song. Jerusalem would be a city of love. What of the place where you live?

LOOK UP, LAUGH, LOVE, AND LIFT!

In a world filled with bad news and tears, the words of an old hymn remind us that the Good News of the Gospel calls us to a life that is upbeat, full of hope, and supported by a God of Love. Look up! says the song, laugh, love, and lift!

Retired persons who served in church vocations during their working years looked up for strength in times of adversity. Nevertheless, they knew the joy of laughter, the rewards of love given and received, and a sense of accomplishment from having helped to lift the level of life.

The Christmas Fund honors all retired servants of the church and meets the special needs of some who are limited in health or financial resources. Gifts from all over the church enable the Pension Boards to underwrite a major year-round support system.

- It sends Christmas gifts to certain retired ministers who are referred by UCC conferences because of special needs. It says: "We remember."
- It gives help to active and retired clergy who face unexpected emergencies. Consultation with conferences certifies the need.
- It makes a significant grant to General Synod's Plan of Supplementation of Small Annuities, a program that lifts pension income to a basic Synod-established minimum, related to years of service.

Please give generously to the Christmas Fund this year so that these retired servants of the church may continue to look up, laugh, love, and lift!

Don A. Bundy
Secretary, UCC Pension Boards

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Journey to the Christ Child

JOURNEY TO THE CHRIST CHILD

WELCOME TO A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PERFORMED FOR YOU BY THE CHILDREN OF THE ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH. WE THANK YOU FOR JOURNEYING TO SEE US.

WELCOME - Dianne Gerlach
Music - Mary Alice Bragg, Cris Bragg and the Middl
High Youth.
*PROCESSIONAL p. 132 O Come, All Ye Faithful.

Narrator: Beverly Beyer
Reader 1: Jennifer Timblin
Reader 2: Jean Meridith
Reader 3: Jenny Meridith

The Journey from Eden
Adam: Ryan Harris
Eve: Heidi Troxler
Serpent: John Kelleher

Journeys in the Old Testament
Speaker 1: Brian Harper
Speaker 2: Meg Gerlach
Speaker 3: Brian Rose
Speaker 4: Mark Mahaffey
Speaker 5: Ryan Harris
Speaker 6: Rob Woody

The Journey of Gabriel
Gabriel: Mark Mahaffey
Mary: Anna Laws

The Journey of Mary and Joseph
Mary: Anna Laws
Joseph: Dan Timblin

The Christ Child is Born
Speaker 7: Amy Rose
Speaker 8: Heidi Troxler

Speaker 9: John Kelleher
Speaker 10: Dan Timblin

Journey of The Angels
Angels: Meg Gerlach
Amy Rose
Meg Wilkins
Emily Woody
Lydia Troxler

Journey of The Shepherds
Shepherd 1: Brian Harper
Shepherd 2: Scott Dollar
Shepherd 3: Brian Rose

Journey of The Wise Men
Wise Man 1: Macon Albertson
Wise Man 2: Hank Kelleher
Wise Man 3: Rob Woody

Later Journeys to The Christ Child
Speaker 11: Dan Timblin
Speaker 12: Hank Kelleher
Speaker 13: Macon Albertson
Speaker 14: Anna Laws

Our Journey to The Christ Child

RECESSIONAL p. 125 Good Christian Men Rejoice

PRAYER: Lou Harper

THANK YOU: Andrea Albertson

Our special thanks to:
David Harper for designing program cover.

Parents for sending their children.

Senior High Youth for helping us get ready.

Community Service Committee for providing refreshments.

Fulfillment

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December 19, 1982 11:00 a.

Prelude: Overture to the Messiah G.F. Hand

Choral Introit: Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #116 Angels We Have Heard on Hi
Lighting the Advent Candle Ange

Offertory: Salvation is Created W. Tschesnoko
Pastoral Prayer Dr. Hamilt

The Christmas Story Paul Yod

Hymn: #138 Silent Nig

Hymn: #134 O Little Town of Bethleh

Hymn: #129 It Came Upon the Midnight Cle

Hymn: #137 Away in a Mang

Hymn: #141 The First Nowe

Solo: O Holy Night
Thomasene Sparks, Soprano

*Hymn: #132 O Come All Ye Faithf

THE WESTERN ALAMANCE HIGH SCHOOL

WIND ENSEMBLE

Mr. Eddie Harris, Director

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ngela Wartman
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yle Gambrell
rad Peyton

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Baritone Saxaphone
Greg Madren

French Horns
Steve Zang
Mike McIntyre
Steve Russell

Trumpets
Steve Andersen
Jay Bayliff
Danny Newton
Bud Hudson
Ronnie Swift
Jeff Page

Trombones
Chuck Lindley
Alex Newman
Mark Ystebow
Pat Hensley

Baritone
Phillip Parcell

Tuba
Gray Lackey

Percussion
Phillip Elliott

Hymn: #143 We Three Kings (vs. 1,2)

Hymn: #130 Joy to the World

Benediction

Congregational Response The Hallelujah Chorus
G.F. Handel

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson and Mrs. R.T. Bradford by the Family.

IT IS A PLEASURE to have the Western Alamance High School Wind Ensemble with us today. Their director is Eddie Harris. We also welcome Thomasene Sparks as our guest soloist.

TODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Middle Hi Youth
6:00 Family Night Dinner
7:00 Children's Christmas Program

THE FAMILY NIGHT this evening is a covered-dish dinner in the Parish House at 6:00. Table service and beverage will be provided. At 7:00 we will move to the church sanctuary for the presentation of the Children's Christmas Program.

CUB PACK 51 meets Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House. All our children, with parents, are especially invited to attend. Santa Claus has promised to appear!

THE ADULT CHOIR Christmas Party will be Wednesday at 8:00 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. David Bragg.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE of Carols, Scripture, and Candles begins at 7:30. The early hour is set to encourage all ages to attend.

COLLEGE STUDENTS are invited to the parsonage next Sunday evening at 7:30.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 1982
LUKE 1:39-47

FULFILLMENT

The Christmas story is about God, the promise-keeper. You see that in Luke, who weaves a narrative of "advanced-in-years" Elizabeth and "up-country maid" Mary, each carrying a child in her womb. Mary trusts God's promise and, in that trust, Elizabeth says she is "blessed."

Our Christmas carols celebrate God as promise-keeper. So, in this season, we sing:

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The Virgin Mother kind,
and:
This day hath God fulfilled
(God's) promised word,
This day is born a Savior,
Christ the Lord.

Christmas is promises kept. Christmas is fulfillment.

What fulfillment is there in the life you and I lead? What heaven-given promise can we earthlings trust? Inner peace and a world at peace? Healing for hurt and broken lives? Forgiveness and the gift of a new heart? Steadfast love through all years: childhood, young adulthood, mid-life, and old age? Love that reaches beyond death to bring resurrection?

The promises stand. Christ, born in Bethlehem, lives where we live, comes to life in our life. In him still are fulfilled the promises of God.

George S. Siudy
Berkeley, California

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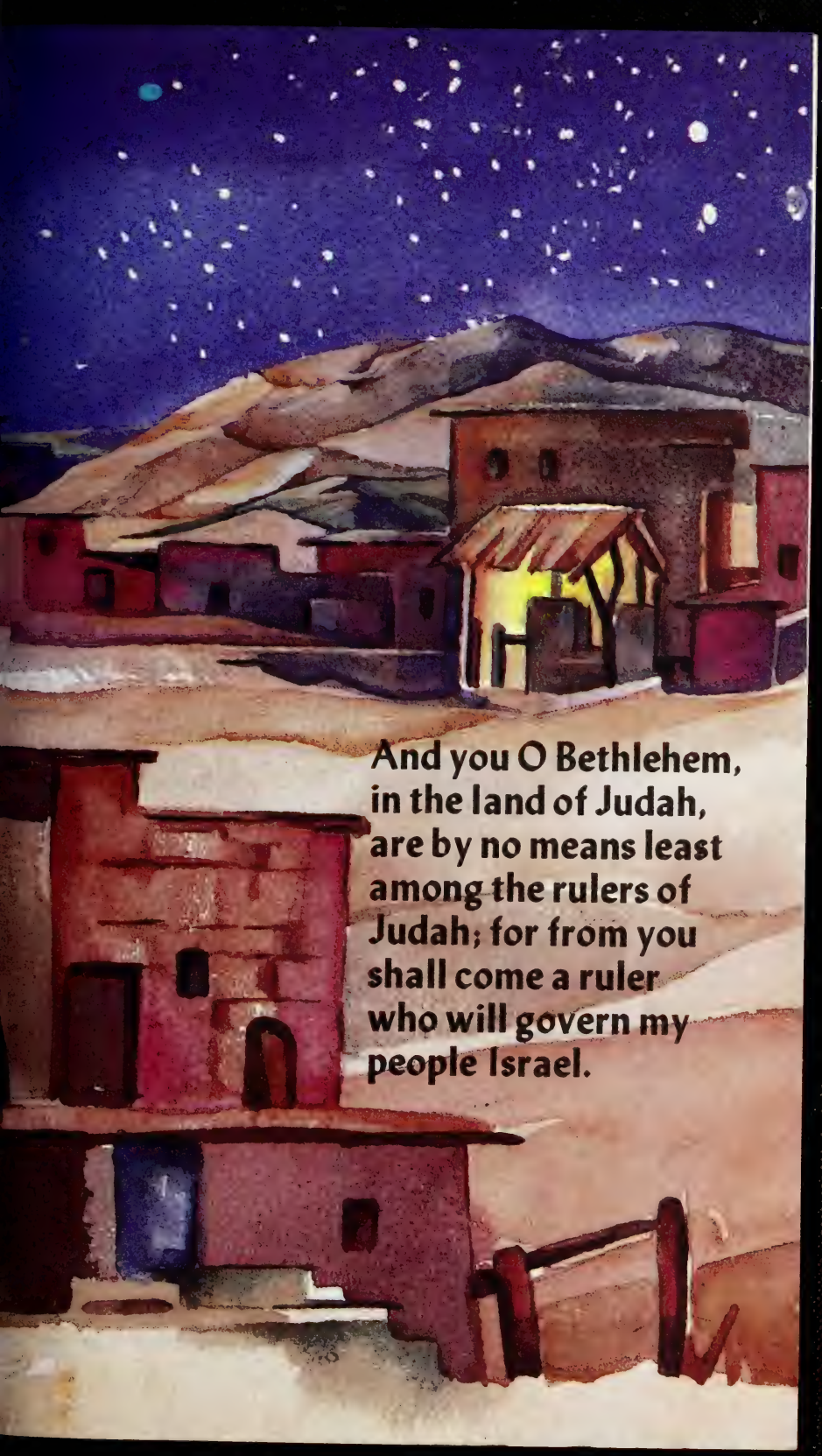

And you O Bethlehem,
in the land of Judah,
are by no means least
among the rulers of
Judah; for from you
shall come a ruler
who will govern my
people Israel.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Elon College, North Carolina
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 1982 - 7:30 P.M.

PRELUDE

*CAROL 125 Good Christian Men, Rejoice

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, and celebrate the birth
Of Christ, our Lord, so dear;
Who came to fill the whole wide earth
With love, goodwill, and cheer;
Come to the festival of Christ,
The festival of love;
Hosannas sing, and praises bring,
To One sent from above. (J.G. Truitt, Sr. - 1968)

Unison: Our God and Father, we come to you rejoicin in the gift of your Son. We thank you for the Christmas Season and for all its joys. Bless us, as in our worship we travel again to the Manger in Bethlehem, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST CANDLE — Prophec
Scripture — Isaiah 9:2, 6
Commentary — Luke 2:1-
Lighting the Candle
Carol 134 — O Little Town of Bethlehe
Prayer

THE SECOND CANDLE — Bethlehe
Scripture — Micah 5: 2,
Malachi 3: 1,
Commentary — Luke 2: 6,
Lighting the Candle
Carol 137 — Away in a Mange
Prayer

HE THIRD CANDLE

	Shepherd
Scripture	Isaiah 11: 1-4,6,7,9
Commentary	Luke 2: 8-15
Lighting the Candle	
Carol 120	Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

HE FOURTH CANDLE

	Angel
Scripture	Luke 2: 16,17
Commentary	John 3: 16-21
Lighting the Candle	
Carol 130	Joy to the World
Prayer	

HE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

	Christ the Lord
Scripture	Matthew 1:18-2:12
Commentary	
Lighting the Candle	
Carol 132	O Come, All Ye Faithful
Prayer	

HRISTMAS OFFERING

Anthem	Long Ago in Bethlehem	Moravian Carol
Solo	Sweet Holy Child	M. Caldwell

(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)

ERVICE OF LIGHTS

Distribution of Candles	
Scripture	Matthew5: 14-16
Lighting the Candles	
Carol 138	Silent Night

Prayer for Christmas

O God, who hast made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, may the Star of Christmas shine more radiantly now than ever before the light of peace on earth. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

alleluia
OCCASIONS MT 2:6

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Who has given a gift?

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December 26, 1982 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Variations on a French Noel M. Balbastr

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit O Thou Joyfu
Pastor: Christ is born.
People: Christ is born.
Unison: The Word has become flesh and dwelt among us.
Pastor: Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corners of our world.
People: God is with us. Hallelujah!
* Hymn 141 The First Nowe
THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 45:18-
New Testament Reading Luke 2:41-
THE WORD OF PRAYER
Hymn 120 Hark the Herald Angels Si
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Christmas, the Beloved Mary arr. Nevi
* Congregational Response The Doxolo
* Dedication of Gifts
THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION
Anthem In the Bleak Midwinter G. Hol
Sermon Can Christmas Survive? Dr. Hamil

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 125 Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Benediction

Choral Response O Morning Star J.S. Bach

Postlude How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Pachelbel

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Col. and Mrs. Frederic T. Watts, Jr. in memory of their fathers, Frederic T. Watts and Leon S. Griswold, and in honor of their mothers.

THANKS to Dr. Bill Andes who is serving as our Liturgist of the Morning.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning . . . The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday.

POINSETTIAS ARE GIVEN:

in memory of;

Marion C. Liscum and John W. Barney, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Liscum

Walter C. Perry, Jr. by Mrs. Perry and Family

Gordon L. Whitener and Melvin R. Hamilton by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Hamilton

in honor of;

Mrs. Lois Bost by Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark McAdams

Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price

CONGRATULATIONS to Drs. Anne and Steve Hawes and grandmother Sue Colclough upon the birth of Jonathan Colclough Hawes on December 19 in Charlotte.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 26, 1982

ROMANS 11:35

Few questions come more readily than the question, "Why?" The mind wants reasons and the deeper the questions, the greater our hunger for answers. In his letter to Rome, Paul tries to explain how God's plan works. Why, asks Paul, has God now rejected Israel whom once God chose? Then, the answer far from complete, Paul stops his explanation and begins a hymn to God's wisdom and glory. That may be the best way to handle the deep questions: not with argument, but with worship; to confess that, in the end, all is grace, all is for God's glory.

OUR "UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST" HERITAGE

Born in 1957 after long deliberation, negotiation, and prayer, the United Church of Christ lives in continuity with several Reformation traditions, acknowledges one Head, Jesus Christ, looks to the Word of God in Scriptures, and holds as kindred all who confess Jesus Christ as Son of God and Savior.

From the soil of rich tradition, and out of a thoroughly contemporary attempt to be obedient to the God of Jesus Christ, United Church of Christ people seek to live by a gospel that calls forth both personal piety and public responsibility. The union of the Congregational Christian Churches and Evangelical and Reformed Church, still celebrated in the whole Church, has given the United Church of Christ an identity as a united and uniting church.

Mission is acknowledged as the pivotal calling to the people of God. Hence, communities of United Church of Christ people, even though sometimes tempted by apathy and often shy about conflict, seek to identify the pain and need of the world: hunger that is pervasive, economic injustice that violates humanity, the evils of sexism and racism that destroy persons and societies across the globe. And always in the United Church of Christ, deep care and attention are directed to gathered communities of faith where people worship, faith is nourished, children and youth are nurtured toward life in Christ, the Eucharist is celebrated and people are presented—and present themselves—to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

—Avery D. Post, President
United Church of Christ

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FOOLISHNESS

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January 2, 1983 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Trumpet Tune with Echoes J. Wesle

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit What Star Is This M. Praetori
Prayer of Invocation
*HYMN 127 Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Mo

*UNISON PRAYER
Almighty God, we would give thanks for all your benefits bestowed upon us in the past year. Gran us, we pray, a favorable and joyful 1983, defend us from all danger, and send us the fulness of yo blessing; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 2:36-
I Corinthians 1:18-

THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy spirit
Pastor: Let us pray:
Anthem Solo O Lord Most Holy C. Fran
(Rolland W. Hurst, Baritone)

MEDITATION God's Foolishness is Wiser Dr. Hamil

THE OFFERING
Offertory A New Year Carol B. Brit
* Congregational Response The Doxol
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (In unison) Hymnal p.495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
HYMN 150 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

BENEDICTION
Choral Response Nunc Dimittis
POSTLUDE Fantasy in C Major J.S. Bach
*Indicates when the congregation stands.

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "Open Communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.
THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pendergrass.
WE WELCOME Dr. Rolland W. Hurst as our guest soloist this morning. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Hurst and is a member of the music faculty at California State University, Fresno, California.
TODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Middle High Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons
CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week, as announced in "The Torch".
CONGRATULATIONS to Betty Todd Wagoner and John Lewis Davis whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here December 31.
NEXT SUNDAY, our Service of Worship will include the ordination and installation of deacons and the installation of all other persons elected by the congregation to boards, committees, and offices.
ANNUAL REPORTS are due Friday morning.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 2, 1983
1 CORINTHIANS 1:18

Making It, a bright young author's autobiography, once took our nation by storm, partly because of our addiction to "success." In contrast, the Christian message is a gospel for people who never made it. See those drawn to Jesus: the landless poor, sinners, tax-collectors, and others beyond the pale of respectability. Look at those who made up the early church: slaves, women, uneducated and powerless people. No wonder the message of the cross seemed "foolishness" to the sophisticated and powerful of Paul's day. And how strange the power it has proved to possess!

FOOLS FOR CHRIST

When a group of ten or eleven teenagers decide to clown around on Sunday morning in Keene, New Hampshire, a large congregation turns out in anticipation. Why? The youth will engage the congregation in a unique worship experience created by "The Clown Ministry," a group of high school students led by the Reverend Sharon S. Porter, associate minister at Keene United Church of Christ.

Handing out balloons, donning costumes, using a few props, and performing dance and mime, the youth lead the congregation through a new look at the Scriptures. "I see them reading the Bible now," says Rev. Porter. "They take a theme they are interested in, according to Scripture, and express it through mime and clowning. They ask themselves, 'How can we make this into everyday stuff?' "

One recent worship service focused on the Noah theme, with the teenagers miming the flood and the building of the ark. Another worship service was spent exploring the question, "Where is God?" "The clowns are interested in solving the mystery of 'Where is God' Sherlock Holmes-style," says Rev. Porter. "They discover that God dwells in humankind."

"The people really turn out for the clowns," she says. This may be the most telling point of the effectiveness of clown ministry—a vital, growing ministry in many UCC churches that gladly proclaims "We Are Fools for Christ!"

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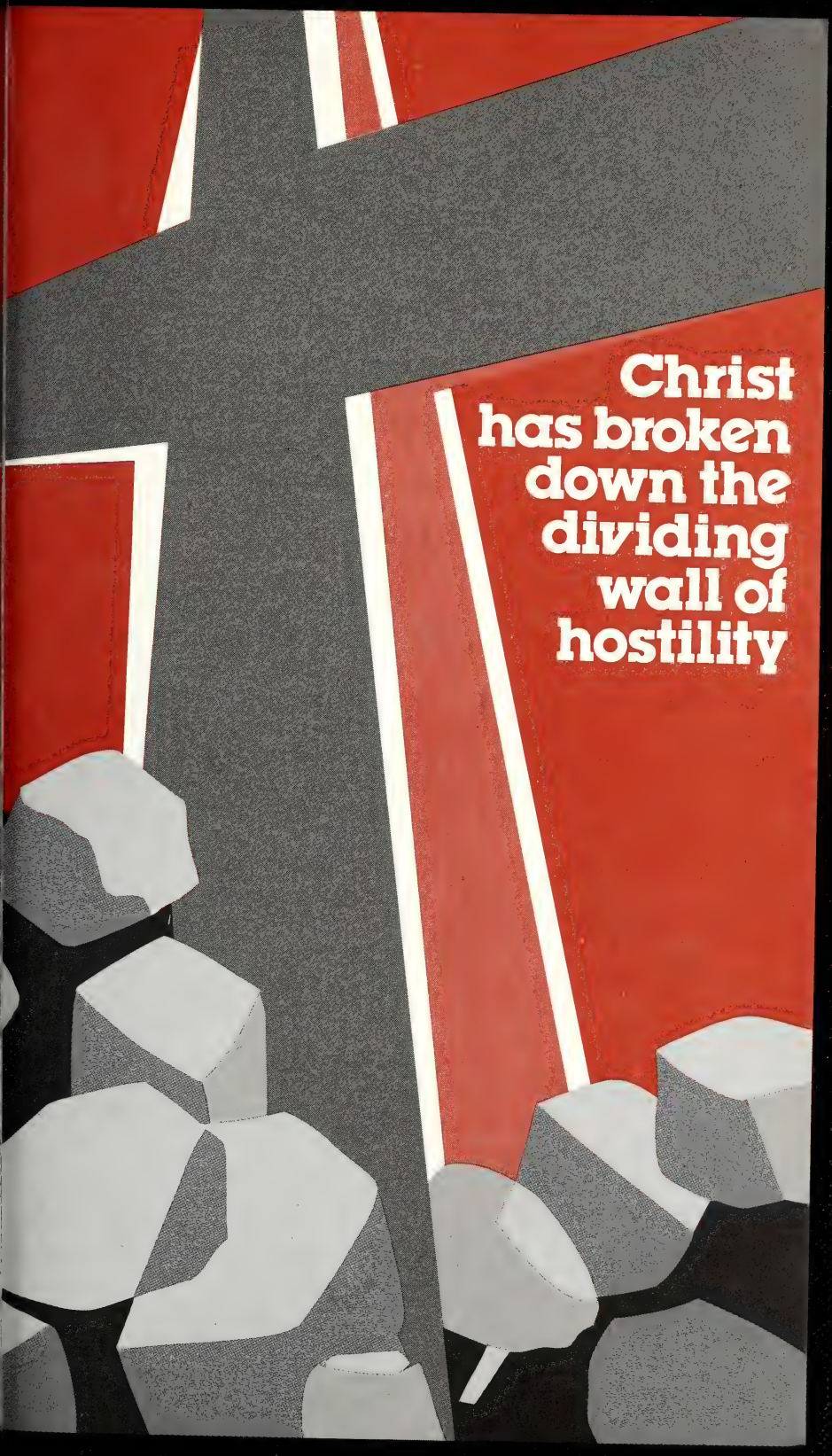
Christ
has broken
down the
dividing
wall of
hostility

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January 9, 1983 11:00 a.m.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Sinfonia J.S. Bach
Silent Prayers
Call to Worship
Choral Introit All Praise to Thee, O King Divine

THE PRAISE OF GOD

Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)

O God, we are awed by the responsibility you entrust to us as your children. Give us courage to live with faith, love, and hope in Christ that our lives may shine with your light. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise 13
Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

THE WITNESS OF FAITH

Welcome and Announcements
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
The Anthem Prayer for Peace L. McGlohon
The Ordination and Installation of Deacons
The Installation of other officers, committee and board members.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading of the Word Philippians 2:1-1
Matthew 21:28-3

Sermon Promises, Promises Dr. Hamilto
Prayer

HE RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Invitation to Share

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Andante Cantabile G.F. Handel

The Doxology

The Prayer of Dedication

Hymn of Dedication 60

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

HE PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Benediction

Choral Response God Be With You

The Postlude Voluntary in C G. Young

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Miss Ruth Dunn in memory of her sister, Miss Ella V. Dunn.

DAY: 3:00 Cub Scout Leaders
5:00 Middle Hi Youth
5:00 Senior Hi Youth
6:30 Wills Clinic

HE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION is held this morning for officers, committees, and board personnel. Mr. John Gerlach, Mr. Jim Lyon, Mrs. Beth Wilkins, and Dr. Jeff Wilkins are also ordained to the office of Deacon.

HE SEEKERS' Church School Class is sponsoring the Wills Clinic which today will deal chiefly with wills for young and middle age adults. The invitation is open to all. Please gather at 6:30 today in the Updyke Choral Center.

JR SERVICES OF WORSHIP are broadcast each Sunday over Radio Station WSOE, 89.3 FM.

TICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 9, 1983

EPHESIANS 2:14

Christ overcomes walls that divide people by sending us to where the dispossessed are. Native Americans who lose to invaders their spiritual heritage and tribal lands are dispossessed. Black Americans who are denied full human dignity and justice are dispossessed. Women who are excluded from total equality with men by language, cultural patterns, and law are dispossessed. Jesus is the man for others who calls us to be people for others. We are to stand with the dispossessed, co-advocates in the struggle to restore to them that of which they have been robbed.

A POWERFUL WITNESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Maintaining a diplomatic stance amidst the terror and bloodshed in the Middle East, the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) has helped to ease some of the suffering in that troubled part of the world. Because it includes both Protestant and Orthodox churches, the Council has unique access to the various conflicting groups in the Middle East and can act as a conduit for people to talk, negotiate, and work out possible guidelines for peace in those countries.

The MECC also perseveres in its program of relief, reconstruction, and rehabilitation. Even during intensive fighting in Beirut and other parts of Lebanon, the Council is able to help meet the urgent need for medicines, food clothing, and small amounts of cash. In 1981, for example approximately 7,000 Christians and Muslims who were devastated by bombardments and blockades in Lebanon were aided through the efforts of the MECC.

We Americans can affirm the powerful witness of the MECC by responding to the Council's call to denominations in the United States. This call asks us to reflect theologically on the Middle East situation and use our reflections to influence policy decisions, to help maintain the physical presence of Christians in the Middle East, and to assist when appropriate in cases where there are violations of human rights and of religious freedom.

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January 16, 1983 11:00 a.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Intermezzo J. Kri
Silent Prayers
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Awake, Awake to Work and Lov

THE PRAISE OF GOD

Prayer of Invocation (all unitin

You have called us, O God, to live as Christ lived. It is difficult. We confess to you and to ourselves how often we fall short. Forgive us, and open our hearts to the simple, gentle, loving ways he taught. Empower us so to live. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise 12
From All That Dwell Below the Skies

THE WITNESS OF FAITH

Welcome and Announcements
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer (all unitin
The Anthem Begin My Tongue Some Heavenly Theme
G. Yo

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading of the Word Isaiah 65:17-
John 2:1-

* Hymn 405
Master, No Offering Costly and Sweet

Sermon A Wonder with a Meaning Dr. Hamil

Prayer

THE RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Invitation to Share

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Let The Bright Seraphim G.F. Handel
(Denise Joines, Soprano)

The Doxology

The Prayer of Dedication

Hymn of Dedication #426
The Voice of God is Calling

THE PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Benediction

Choral Response God Be With You

The Postlude On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand
G. Read

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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TODAY: 2:00 Middle Hi Youth
4:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Board of Trustees
7:00 Stewardship/Missionary Ed Committee
8:00 Lectureship Committee

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Updyke Choral Center. The program will be a clinic on making a proper will. An open invitation is extended.

OTHER: Financial Statements of 1982 contributions are available in the narthex . . . The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held next Sunday evening at 7:30. Standing committees will meet at 6:30.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 16, 1983

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

When you are ill, seek the best help medical science offers. But take responsibility, yourself, for what happens to you. Keep confident. Affirm the joy of living. Will to be well. That can help to relieve even "irreversible" illness. This experience of modern holistic medicine adds light to Paul's comparison of the church to the human body. Paul sees at work in the church wisdom, faith, healing, and other gifts of the Spirit. Are not joy, trust, confidence, the will to wholeness, and the responsibility we take for the common good also gifts of the same Spirit?

CHRISTIAN UNITY

Unity— "a condition of harmony"
"a quality or state of being made one"
"a totality of related parts"

Christian unity should be, can be, and must be all of these. Once each year (January 18-25), churches observe a week of prayer for Christian unity as a reminder of the unity that underlies our common Christian calling. During that week we may leave our "denominational corners" to pray and worship in each other's churches. Clergy and congregations often exchange pulpits and pews and neighbors sing and study together. Consciously or unconsciously, we renew a covenant with each other as Christians.

In this covenant, we recognize that it is first of all God's action—God's covenant with us—that gives our lives meaning as Christians. Like Jonah, we discover the meaning of covenant in response to God's Word that calls us to a new relationship, a relationship of obedience and yet, at the same time, of promise—the promise of new life. We also recognize in this covenant that it is a time of repentance of turning away from our present disunity and separation and of turning toward a life together as one community of faith in ministry and mission in and to the world.

We celebrate God's abiding covenant with us. We celebrate the belief that as related parts of the total church of Jesus Christ we must come together in harmony and Christian Unity. We respond together to God's urging to "arise . . . go . . . proclaim."

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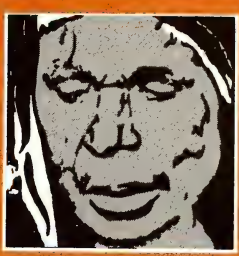
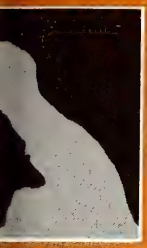

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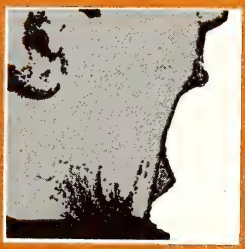

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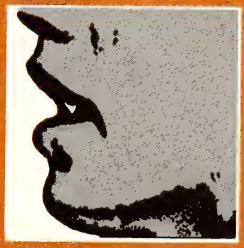

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January 23, 1983 11:00 a.m

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Lord Jesus Christ, I Call on Thee Ba
Silent Prayers
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Open Now Thy Gates of Beau

THE PRAISE OF GOD

Prayer of Invocation (all unitin

God of the faithful in every age, you have called us into your church today to be one body in Christ. You have given us the gifts we need for your service. We would seek as well your greatest gift, which is love. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise 7 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wi

THE WITNESS OF FAITH

Welcome and Announcements
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer (all unitir
The Anthem All Beautiful the March of Day Willi

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading of the Word I Corinthians 12:12-
Luke 4:14-

* Hymn 242 Holy Spirit, Truth Div
Report to the People Dr. Hamil
Prayer

THE RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Invitation to Share

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Aria F. Peeters
The Doxology
The Prayer of Dedication
Hymn of Dedication 223 O For A Thousand Tongues
HE PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD
-Benediction
Choral Response God Be With You
The Postlude Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

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DDAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Middle Hi Youth
6:30 Committees
7:30 Annual Meeting

HE VARIOUS COMMITTEES of the church will meet this evening at 6:30 for organizational and goal-setting purposes. The Annual Business Meeting of the congregation follows at 7:30. You are urged to study the annual reports prior to the meeting.

JB PACK 51 will have its annual Pinewood Derby Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

DY SCOUT TROOP 51, sponsored by the Elon College Exchange Club, will hold a meeting for the purpose of reorganizing the troop at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 27 at the Exchange Hut. All interested parents, boys, and volunteer workers are cordially invited to attend.

HE DISTRICT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP is holding a dinner meeting Thursday evening at 7:00 at Long's Chapel, UCC. Cars will leave the south parking lot at 6:30.

THER: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Huey and grandmother Josie Huey upon the birth of Martha Loy Huey on January 19 . . . Mrs. Birdie Scott is a patient at Memorial Hospital.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 23, 1983
1 CORINTHIANS 12:26

The worst storm in a century hit Santa Cruz County, California last year. A mud slide buried the home of a young couple who were about to have their first child. The people of a nearby church who themselves had suffered from the same storm, came to the couple's rescue with housing, clothes, money, and love. Then the baby came. A great party was held after church one Sunday. The congregation joined the young parents in celebrating the birth of their child and shared love that was born amid adversity and joy. "Suffer together . . . rejoice together."

WHAT IS A MISSIONARY?

What do we mean when we say someone is an overseas missionary? Who are these persons in the United Church of Christ and what do they do?

One answer to these frequently asked questions comes from a recent letter written by Tgaard and Anne Hommes, UCC missionaries in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. "On the books we are listed as missionaries," they say. "Often, the word 'missionary' connotes making sacrifices of some sort . . . It would be regrettable, however, if the fact were forgotten that missionaries are as much or more receivers than givers.

"Mission is mutual respect, support, trust, learning and cooperatively serving a common Lord in different places in the world," they write. "The model of superiority/inferiority, so often associated with 'Third World development' schemes, is wholly misplaced and misleading . . . . Exposure and consciousness raising is one way to start lifting the veil in order to see the grapes of mature Third World Christianity hanging abundantly in the valley of (coconut) milk and honey in S.E. Asia.

"We try not to forget," the Hommes write, "that we remain recipients of the graciousness of those into whose midst we have been 'missioned' or sent."

We who are members of the United Church of Christ support the important work of overseas missionaries like the Hommes through our regular gifts to Our Christian World Mission.

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January 30, 1983 11:00 a

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Rigaudon A. Cam
Silent Prayers
Call to Worship Dr. An
Choral Introit The King of Love J. Know

THE PRAISE OF GOD

Prayer of Invocation (all uniti

Living Christ, your earthly ministry was full of struggle as well as joy; yet you were faithful in following the Father's will. Breathe your spirit into our lives, that we may never fall back from the way of disciplesh and love. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise 260 The Church's One Foundat

THE WITNESS OF FAITH

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The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer (all uniti
The Anthem What a Day That Will Be J.E

"And the Lord will wipe all tears from their eyes; for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:4

(Thomasene Sparks, Soprano)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading of the Word Matthew 6:2
* Hymn 399 O Love That Wilt Not Let M
Sermon Putting Our Priorities in Order Dr. Sn

Prayer

THE RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Invitation to Share

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Fear Not, Ye Servant of God G. Read

The Doxology

The Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 93 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

HE PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Benediction

Choral Response Nunc Dimittis

The Postlude Allegro Maestoso J. S. Bach

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DAY: 5:00 Middle Hi Youth

E GLADLY WELCOME as our guest preacher Dr. W. W. Snyder and as liturgist Dr. William J. Andes. The Pastor will return from vacation tomorrow.

RCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet February 1 and 7.

PIES of the 1983 Annual Reports and the 1983 Membership Directory are available in the narthex.

HER: Mrs. Birdie Scott is a patient at Memorial . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hughes and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Waverly Hughes upon the birth of Steven Edward Hughes on January 22 . . . The congregation unites in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Clem on the death of her sister, Mrs. Virginia Weaver of Pottstown, Pennsylvania on January 26.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 30, 1983
1 CORINTHIANS 13:6

One trouble with the word "love" is that you can say, "I love roast beef," or "I love Mozart," or "I love my daughter," or "I love God." Now, any word that can be used to refer all the way from roast beef to God is too broad. That is one reason why Paul's hymn of love in *I Corinthians 13* is so appealing. It sharpens what love means. Paul says, for example, that love is not soft-headed indulgence. Love sets clear moral bounds. It does not try to wink away wrong-doing. Love works to bring out of us nothing less than the good that God has put in us.

OUTPOURING OF CONCERN AND HOPE

In June of last year, many United Church of Christ members, congregations, conferences, and national agencies made a visible witness to one of our denomination's priorities—peace. Throughout the country, church members and other concerned persons demonstrated for an end to the escalating arms race by joining marches, participating in rallies, attending prayer vigils, and speaking out for disarmament.

This great outpouring of concern and hope took place during the United Nations Second Special Session on Disarmament. Over ten thousand persons joined in an international Religious Convocation at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City on June 11, then marched to Central Park to plant a tree—a symbol of peace and healing. Our UCC president, Dr. Avery D. Post, participated in the call to worship of that great event.

Then on June 12, over *half a million* persons, including thousands of UCC folk, gathered in New York City to show support for disarmament. "Choose Life," read many banners quoting Deuteronomy, "that you and your children may live."

The United Church of Christ has taken a stand for peace—a stand that we must translate into action wherever possible in this new year of 1983.

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February 6, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE I Vow to Thee, My Country G. Holst

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Awake, Awake to Love and Work
Call to Worship
* Hymn 1 Our God Our Help
* Salute to the Colors Webelos Den
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 6:1-
Anthem Amazing Grace K. K. Davis
New Testament Reading Luke 5:1-1
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Chorale from Finlandia G. Sibeliu
(Cris Bragg, Piano)
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Recognition of Cub Scout Pack 51 Dr. George Troxle
* Hymn 489 I Would Be Tru
Sermon The Lord of Hope Dr. Hamilto

OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 490		Now in the Days of Youth
Benediction		
Choral Response		Three Fold Amen
Postlude	Pastaccio	J. Langlais

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ODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:00 Middle Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

COUT SUNDAY is our occasion to recognize Cub Pack 51, sponsored by our church. We are grateful to the boys, their leaders, and the scout committee for the fine work they do.

IRCLES 1, 2, and 3 of the Women's Fellowship meet Monday evening.

HE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Thursday evening at 7:00.

LOTHING for Church World Service may be brought by February 10 or delivered directly to Emmanuel UMC, Burlington.

OPIES of the 1983 Annual Reports and the 1983 Membership Directory are available in the narthex.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 6, 1983

LUKE 5:7

In Jesus' day, commercial fishing required the work of partners. One had to stand at the tiller. Others were needed on the oars. It took several to haul the nets. Today, the Christian world mission requires similar collaboration. Asian Christians are helping to recover a religion of intuition, as much as of fact and logic; of the heart, as well as of the head. Latin Americans are calling us to action in behalf of the poor. African Christians are stirring up in us the lost sense of mystery. In today's gospel enterprise, we are all indispensable partners.

"AS GOD HAS BLESSED US"

Last year about this time, Rev. Emmett Floyd, Conference Minister of the United Church of Christ Southeast Confer ence—which was a mission conference until recently—celebrated his conference's giving of $128,000 to basic support of Our Christian World Mission in 1981. "When adding special offering gifts, the total was close to $160,000," he said, "the largest amount in the conference's history!"

"While the name we give to this all-purpose denomin tional support is Our Christian World Mission, we unde stand it covers all that we do," he said. "Slightly over 7 percent of what we contribute stays right here in the Sout east Conference, providing aid to local churches (new an old); Christian education opportunities for lay person youth, and ministers; continuing education, conferen staff and conference commission programs; meeting stewardship training; and all the things we do as a confe ence to build up our churches and provide enriche Christian experiences for our people.

"The remainder goes on to enable ministry in this count and our work in other countries around the world," M Floyd continued. "The day has long passed to depend o others. We can share resources, material and human, fro the national church and the world church. This is a two-w street in which we want to respond as God has blessed us

When you look back to your giving last year, will it refle a response "as God has blessed us?"

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woe to you rich

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February 13, 1983 11:00 a.

PRELUDE I Vow to Thee, My Country G. Hol

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Awake, Awake to Love and W
Call to Worship
* Hymn 478 All Things Bright and Beauti
* Salute to the Colors Webelos
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Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 17:
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THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Recognition of Cub Scout Pack 51 Dr. George Tro
* Hymn 485 This is My Father's W
Sermon Suppose They had not Dr. Hami

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 63 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Benediction

Choral Response Nunc Dimittis

Postlude Lasst uns Erfreuen Traditional

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TODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Middle Hi Youth
6:30 Worship Committee

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Updyke Choral Center. There will be a Valentine Party, followed by a brief planning session.

THE STEWARDSHIP/MISSIONARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the Gregory Library.

THE LENTEN STUDIES begin Wednesday at noon and continue each Wednesday during Lent. Our studies this year will be on "Life in the Christian Community", based on Romans 5-8. Bring a sandwich, if you wish; beverage and dessert will be provided.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. Bill Smith upon the death of her father, Mr. Van R. Powell of Cheraw, S.C., on February 8, 1983.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. and Mrs. Sam Powell and grandparents Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Powell, Jr. upon the birth of Christopher Gregory Powell on Feb. 3.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 13, 1983

LUKE 6:20, 24

It is hard to know what to do with Jesus. Luke reports Jesus as teaching the exact opposite of what many of us really believe. Someone suggests that we rewrite the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the prosperous. Blessed are those who are strong and proud. Blessed are those who go to church and belong to at least one good club." Are not those our real Beatitudes? They are not Jesus'! How do we, the inhabitants of the world's richest nation, come to terms with that? Do we act with more compassion for the poor? Do we shift ultimate trust from our possessions to God, the very source of life? Do we pray for healing of perverted values and of the moral blight of greed?

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Jesus touched lives and made them whole. We, as followers of Jesus the Risen Christ, have the power and the imperative likewise to touch lives and make them whole. Touching the lives of persons involved in the criminal justice system is one of our callings and opportunities for ministry. Persons in every area of that system need and deserve our compassion and concern: police, judges, lawyers, jurors, witnesses, criminals, families, victims. They are our neighbors, our friends—and often, ourselves.

We lift up the special needs of victims who are often twice wronged—first by the offense against them and then by a system that has little concern for their needs. Let us respond to victims of crime through ministries of compassion, through education and inquiry, through political and economic decisions, and through prayer, worship, and fellowship. Let us freely share the love of God in Christ, so that we may lead people to healing and new hope.

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February 20, 1983 First Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.

WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE TO GOD
The Prelude Andante Cantabile C. Franc
Lighting of the Candles
Choral Introit Christ is the World's True Lig
Prayer of Invocation
* Hymn 8 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Th
* Affirmation of Faith The Statement of Fai

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER TO GOD
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (all unitin
Anthem Brother James' Air G. Jac

WE WORSHIP IN CELEBRATING OUR LIVES TOGETHER
Welcome of members and visitors
Concerns of the Congregation
The Moment of Concern for O.G.H.S. Mrs. M. Wilki
Hymn 238 Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Do

WE WORSHIP IN BRINGING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD
Offertory Do Not I Love Thee, O My Lord G. Re
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

WE WORSHIP IN HEARING GOD'S WORD READ AND PREACHED
The Scripture Deuteronomy 26:5-
Luke 4:1-
The Sermon The Anatomy of Testing Dr. Hamil

E WORSHIP IN DEDICATING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Hymn 318 Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ

Benediction

Choral Response Three Fold Amen

Extinguishing the Candles

The Postlude If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God to honor Mrs. Minnie Hook on her 88th birthday, February 16 by the Family.

DAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Middle Hi Youth
5:00 Senior Hi Youth

ANKS to Mrs. Marie Wilkins for leading in the Moment of Concern for One Great Hour of Sharing. Our special offering for O.G.H.S. will be received on March 13.

E BOARD OF DEACONS meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 for a special session on our church self-study.

B PACK 51 holds its annual Blue and Gold Banquet Tuesday evening at 6:30 in the Parish House.

E LENTEN STUDIES continue each Wednesday at noon in the Updyke Choral Center. Bring a sandwich, if you wish; beverage and dessert will be provided. A duplicate session of Bible study will be held Thursday evening at 8:00 in the Gregory Library.

E STEWARDSHIP/MISSIONARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the Gregory Library.

NGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. David Denny and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Liscum upon the birth of Leigh-Ann Jordan Denny on February 14.

R SERVICES OF WORSHIP are broadcast each Sunday over WSGE, 89.3 FM.

JESUS

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT FEBRUARY 20, 1983
LUKE 4:1

"Take shortcuts to success. Win followers with bread. Whip up enthusiasm by joining cause with the loyalties and biases of people around you. Offer religion that shields adherents from hurt, hardship, and sacrifice." The Tempter proposed that to Jesus. And that is the church's temptation today: to offer cheap entertainment, not training in faith; to win members by adopting their values, not by calling them to Christ's; to promise easy demands, not to ask for courage that runs risks and carries crosses. How defeat our Tempter? Our clue can be found in Jesus.

SOMETHING BESIDES A HAND-OUT

"If I have learned anything at all in these twenty-nine years as a missionary in Japan, it has been to never underestimate the power of God's Spirit that is working in so many marvelous ways," says Janell J. Landis, a United Church of Christ missionary in Japan. "God be praised for the many loving people in our denomination and in others who understand mission as something besides a hand-out.

"The celebration of life, the awareness of the unlimited possibility for upholding human dignity, the common recognition of frailties, and the common need for forgiveness . . . these are some of the forces that draw me into mission and weld me to other humans . . .," she writes.

Janell Landis was appointed by the United Church Board for World Ministries to Japan as an English teacher at Miyagi College for Women. "It is in this very area of my life as a teacher that the greatest challenge comes . . . helping some to really develop skills in the English language . . . being able to share with many young people the joys of Christian commitment."

The joys of Christian commitment, the celebration of life, the awareness of mission as something besides a hand-out—all of these shape Janell Landis' teaching ministry in Japan. We support her work—and the work of many other UCC teachers in Japan—through our gifts to Our Christian World Mission.

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February 27, 1983 Second Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.

WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE TO GOD
The Prelude Dawn Hymn A. Hovhane
Lighting of the Candles
Choral Introit I Heard the Voice of Jesus Sa
Prayer of Invocation
* Hymn 14 The God of Abraham Prais
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WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER TO GOD
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WE WORSHIP IN CELEBRATING OUR LIVES TOGETHER
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WE WORSHIP IN BRINGING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD
Offertory Rondo in C Major W. A. Mozar
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

WE WORSHIP IN HEARING GOD'S WORD READ AND PREACHED
The Scripture Philippians 3:17-4:
Luke 9:28-3
The Sermon Who Will Rescue Me? Dr. Hamilto

THE PRAYERS I MAKE
Michelangelo Bounarroti
(Trans. by William Wordsworth)

The prayers I make will then be sweet indeed,
If Thou the spirit give by which I pray;
My unassisted heart is barren clay,
Which of its native self can nothing feed;
Of good and pious works Thou art the seed
Which quickens where Thou say'st it may;
Unless Thou show us then Thine own true way,
No may can find it! Father, Thou must lead.

Do Thou, then, breathe those thoughts into my mind
By which such virtue may in me be bred
That in Thy holy footsteps I may tread;
The fetters of my tongue do Thou unbind,
That I may have the power to sing of Thee
And sound, and sound Thy praises everlastingly.

WE WORSHIP IN DEDICATING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Hymn 114 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Benediction

Choral Response Nunc Dimittis

Extinguishing the Candles

The Postlude Fantasy in F Minor W. A. Mozart

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THANKS to Miss Jane Young for leading in the Moment of Concern for One Great Hour of Sharing. Our special offering for O.G.H.S. will be received on March 13.

TODAY:
- 4:00 Confirmation Class
- 5:00 Middle Hi Youth
- 5:00 Senior Hi Youth
- 7:00 Outreach Committee
- 7:00 Music Committee

THE LENTEN STUDIES continue each Wednesday at noon in the Updyke Choral Center. Bring a sandwich, if you wish; beverage and dessert will be provided. A duplicate session of Bible study will be held Thursday evening at 7:00 in the Gregory Library.

FAMILY NIGHT is next Sunday evening at 6:00 in the Parish House. The theme is One Great Hour of Sharing. The Stewardship/Missionary Education Committee has secured persons to provide the meal.

COPIES of "These Days", a daily devotional guide, are available in the narthex.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

SAVIOR

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 27, 1983
PHILIPPIANS 3:20

Jesus is the Savior who leads us into a new reality. He frees us from slavery to instant gratification of every lower appetite to citizenship in the commonwealth of heaven. Through a confusing array of choices, he gives a sense of direction that delivers us from a life of aimless wandering. In a large and shaky world, Jesus helps us to find a home where we are not aliens and isolated from one another, but know love and belonging. Jesus comes as our Savior. As at Christmas, so also in Lent, we therefore respond and say, "Let every heart prepare him room."

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

On the Second Sunday in Lent, we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord. This event reminds us of Jesus' baptism in Jordan's waters where his ministry began. At Jesus' baptism, a voice from heaven announced, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased." The transfiguration marked a shift in the ministry of Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem, where his earthly ministry would end in another baptism—a baptism in the waters of death. On the mount of transfiguration, as Jesus looked toward the cross, his very being shone in the night like the light of dawn. The voice from heaven again proclaimed, "This is my Son, my chosen; listen to him!" In the face of the cross God pulled back the veil, revealing a glimpse of resurrection glory.

Here was assurance that Jesus was the hope of the ages. Here was the One who fulfilled the law given through Moses. Here was the One dreamed of by prophets, of whom Elijah was the greatest.

In the celebration of the Transfiguration of the Lord, we glory in the divine majesty of Christ. But, more important, the day is given to us for our journey through Lent toward the agony of the cross and the victory of the empty tomb. We celebrate this mystery for the renewal of our faith, that as we join Christ in his death and resurrection, we are transformed into the new being in Christ.

Harold M. Daniels
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United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
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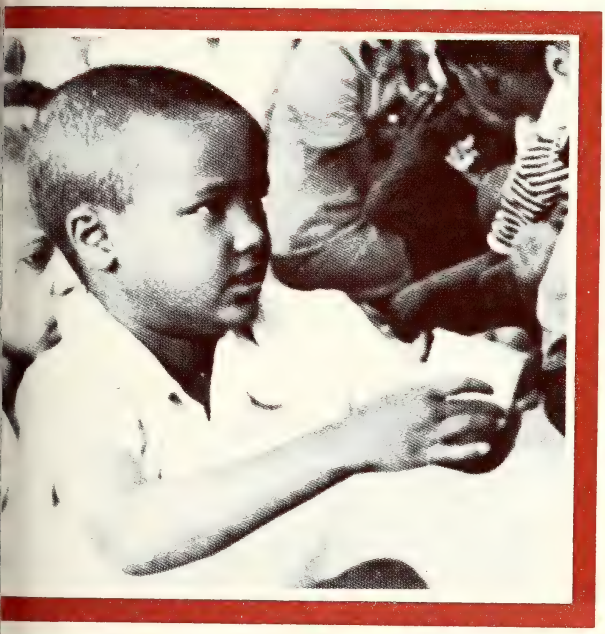
LOVE IN DEED... LOVE INDEED



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Do you love me?" Three times, Jesus asked the same question. Each time Peter assured Him of his love. And each time, Jesus told Peter to *do* something. To profess love is not enough. It must be made manifest in action.

One Great Hour of Sharing makes it possible for us to express our love for all of God's children. We can help them when disaster strikes. Not all disasters are natural like earthquakes, floods, or droughts; some are the result of strife between groups or nations. In all cases, however, there are victims who need Deeds of Love. Love is more than just simple charity. It is through love that congregations make it possible for a refugee family to find a new start in our land.

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UNITED CHUR

Deeds of Love alleviate the boredom and frustra tion of displaced persons awaiting a chance to start over *somewhere.* In our own country, we have made provisions for the aged, the handi capped, the broken family. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we can help small churches overseas that are faced with great opportunities to do the same in their lands. Love in the famil helps its members to grow and take care of themselves. Through Deeds of Love we can help families feed themselves, have pure water to drink, build adequate shelter, and provide for their own health needs.

• Through your Deeds of Love,persons who have lost everything in a flood in India were given blankets, clothing, and new cooking pots.

• Through your Deeds of Love,African children from Eritrea are being cared for at a camp in the neighboring Sudan.

• Through your Deeds of Love, "orphaned," elderly persons are being cared for by the church in Indonesia.

• Through your Deeds of Love,farmers are raising chickens to feed the people of Turkey and are providing income for themselves.

When Jesus asks, "Do you love me?" He expects us to *do* something.

Please give generously to support impor tant Deeds of Love through One Great Hour of Sharing.

LOVE IN DEED...LOVE INDEED!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
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March 6, 1983 Third Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.

WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE TO GOD

The Prelude When in the Hour of Deepest Need Ba

Lighting of the Candles
Choral Introit Morning So
Prayer of Invocation
* Hymn 3 God Himself is With
* Affirmation of Faith The Statement of Fai

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WE WORSHIP IN CELEBRATING OUR LIVES TOGETHER

Welcome of members and visitors
Concerns of the Congregation
The Moment of Concern for O.G.H.S. Andre Wilki
Hymn 177 When I Survey the Wondrous Cro

WE WORSHIP IN BRINGING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

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* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

WE WORSHIP IN HEARING GOD'S WORD READ AND PREACHED

The Scripture Luke 13:1
The Sermon Second Chance Dr. Hamilt

WE WORSHIP IN DEDICATING OUR LIVES TO GOD

* Hymn 328 The Lord is Rich and Merciful
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You
* Extinguishing the Candles
* The Postlude Fantasy in C Major J. S. Bach

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. W. Roland Longest in memory of their parents, Mr. Homer J. Cochran and Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Longest.

THANKS to Mr. Andre Wilkins for leading in the Moment of Concern for One Great Hour of Sharing. Our special offering for O.G.H.S. will be received on March 13.

TODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Middle Hi Youth
6:00 Family Night
7:30 Women's Fellowship Executive Board
7:30 Board of Deacons

FAMILY NIGHT is this evening at 6:00 in the Parish House. Everyone is invited. The meal will be provided by selected persons. The theme is One Great Hour of Sharing.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will have a dinner meeting Tuesday evening at 6:30 in the Parish House.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES: Bible Study of Romans 8:1-11 on Wednesday at noon and Thursday at 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday evening Lenten Symposium at First Christian U.C.C., 7:30-9:00, led by Dr. Russell.

STEWARDSHIP/MISSIONARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Tues. 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE, Thursday 7:30 p.m.

ROCK

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 6, 1983

I CORINTHIANS 10:1-12

It was not enough to be freed, led, fed, even given water from rock. This generation of Hebrews murmured against God, grumbled for Egypt, made idols, and were lewd in the desert. So they died there. They never got into Palestine. Their story can instruct us. Privilege demands answering responsibility. It is not enough to inherit the gospel of Christ, our Rock, to claim it by baptism, affirm it in worship, and celebrate it at Communion. Those who also act for justice, mercy, and peace are likely to be they who hear God's final, "Well done! Enter the joy of my Realm."

HELPING PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES

For over ten years, our United Church of Christ has been working in partnership with the Development Foundation of Turkey through contributions we have made to One Great Hour of Sharing. The Foundation has grown tremendously in those years and has increased its service to the rural people in Turkey who are struggling with hunger and economic difficulties.

Approximately 34,000 farmers in Turkey earn part of their living as beekeepers, producing 24,000 tons of honey. A disease that has been known to wipe out whole bee populations of a country in three years was one of the problems that the Development Foundation was able to eliminate. At a cost of $60,000 the Foundation was able to provide chemical supplies, education, and extension work needed to eliminate the disease and allow the farmers to continue to benefit from their beekeeping work.

We are engaged in development work when we work with partner agencies overseas to help farmers in Turkey and other countries. Last year, over $2 million from our One Great Hour of Sharing was carefully spent in development—helping people to help themselves.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we also help persons who are victims of disaster, persons who are forced to flee their countries as refugees, and persons in need of health aid and other social service assistance.

Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing really do make a difference! Please give as generously as you are able this year.

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March 13, 1983 Fourth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m

WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE TO GOD
The Prelude Lenten Meditation Healy Willa
Lighting of the Candles
Choral Introit Let All on Earth their Voices Rais
Prayer of Invocation
* Hymn 252 O Word of God Incarnat

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER TO GOD
The Pastoral Prayer
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WE WORSHIP IN CELEBRATING OUR LIVES TOGETHER
Welcome of members and visitors
Concerns of the Congregation
The Moment of Concern for O.G.H.S. Beth Barbe
Hymn 153 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Day

WE WORSHIP IN BRINGING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD
Offertory Andante (Chorale in E) C. Franc
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

WE WORSHIP IN HEARING GOD'S WORD READ AND PREACHED
The Scripture Luke 15:1-3, 11-
The Sermon The Elder Brother Dr. Hamilt

WE WORSHIP IN DEDICATING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Hymn 228 — Love Divine

Benediction

Choral Response — All Servants of God

Extinguishing the Candles

Postlude — Voluntary in C — G. Young

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Drs. George and Carole Troxler in memory of their fathers, Mr. G. Shail Troxler and Mr. Eugene Price Watterson.

THANKS to Miss Beth Barbee for leading in the Moment of Concern for One Great Hour of Sharing. Special envelopes are available in the narthex for your contribution. Your expressions of "Love in Deed" minister through disaster relief, refugee aid, social service, and long-range development.

TODAY: 3:00-5:30 Open House at the new Conference Office location at Edgewood and Saddle Club Roads
4:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:00 Middle Hi Youth
6:30 Worship Committee

MONDAY: 7:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship General Meeting

TUESDAY: 10:00 a.m. Fun Club
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY 12:00 Lenten Studies
7:30 p.m. Lenten Symposium

THURSDAY: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Studies

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

RECONCILER

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 13, 1983

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

Many people today are disenchanted with the fruits of technology, avidity for wealth, and rivalry for power. These often end in spiritual bankruptcy and threaten to annihilate the world. There are people who long for a new humanity. They feel kin to another reality. Like the prodigal son, they have a taste for home. That sends them back to a realm where God waits with outstretched arms. They seek reconciliation in a household of spirit that was there all along. In it, life is not frantic with quest or grim with duty. It is a lavish feast—music and dancing.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

How do our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing reach persons overseas in times of emergency? When an earthquake devastates Italy, when a hurricane rips through the Caribbean, when Mount St. Helens erupts in the state of Washington—how do our gifts reach the victims in time?

Because churches work in partnership in our country and around the world, the contributions we as church members make can help to deliver disaster relief almost immediately. Some of our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are channeled directly to the disaster-struck areas in a very short period of time. Some of our gifts also go to help church-related agencies prepare for disasters by stocking up on blankets, clothing, cooking utensils, and other basic necessities. These life-sustaining items, then, will be immediately available in the event of disaster.

"I must admit that I had not thought I could have asked for such help from people outside our community," said a woman in Greece following an earthquake in and around Athens. Giving help to persons in need of help is what One Great Hour of Sharing is all about. Please give more generously than ever this year to this very important offering.

—Karen Roller-Lutz
Associate for Mission Information
Stewardship Council
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March 20, 1983 Fifth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.

WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE TO GOD

The Prelude Litanie M. Dup
Lighting the Candles
Choral Introit I Heard the Voice of Jesus S
Prayer of Invocation
* Hymn 251 Holy, Holy, Ho

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER TO GOD

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WE WORSHIP IN CELEBRATING OUR LIVES TOGETHER

Welcome of members and visitors
Concerns of the Congregation
* Hymn 290 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hear

WE WORSHIP IN BRINGING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

Offertory Berceuse M. Dup
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

WE WORSHIP IN HEARING GOD'S WORD READ AND PREACHED

The Scripture Philippians 3:8-
The Sermon Gain and Loss Dr. Hamilt

WE WORSHIP IN DEDICATING OUR LIVES TO GOD

* Hymn 418 O Master, Let Me Walk with Th
* Benediction

Choral Response — Nunc Dimittis
Extinguishing the Candles
Postlude — Fugue in G Major — J. S. Bach

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Miss Carolyn Watson who will marry Bill Price, III on March 26, 1983 by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price, Jr.

TODAY:
4:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Middle Hi Youth at Blakes
5:00 Senior Hi Youth
6:30 Finance Committee
7:00 Outreach Committee

TUESDAY:
7-9 Youth Planning Council
7:30 Cub Scout Pack Meeting

WEDNESDAY:
12:00 Lenten Studies
7:30 Lenten Symposium

THURSDAY:
7:00 Lenten Studies

THANKS for your generous contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing. As of last Sunday, we are prepared to forward $1,281.00 as your expressions of "Love in Deed".

PLEASE SUBMIT your Easter Breakfast reservations by next Sunday. The breakfast will be held in the Parish House at 8:30 a.m. on April 3.

RIGHTEOUSNESS

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 20, 1983
PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14

We justify much that we do, though all of it is not good. We can rationalize even the vilest actions. Paul knew that and it exasperated him, so he exclaimed, "I know nothing against myself!" Is that why a criminal on her deathbed could look back over her life and say she had nothing to regret? How easily blurred, the distinction between vice and virtue! Paul turned away from "earned righteousness." Jesus, he said, is "God's righteousness." The effort to match that righteousness will prove vain and wear us out. Jesus offers it as gift. We receive it simply by faith.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE

There are different kinds and degrees of peace. An imposed peace, a Pax Romana, is a very unhappy, unhealthy, and unreasonable peace. A temporary peace, which is a kind of cease-fire or armistice, makes for a nervous peace which can flare into war at any time. What the world needs is lasting peace, a lasting peace with justice for all.

This will require careful thought and rational attention from people all over the world. It is perfectly logical that the best way for the world is the way of peace. War is so destructive, so deadly, so devastating. It is illogical and irrational. Peace with justice can only arise out of the intelligent planning of concerned people.

Let us listen and react to our world not only with the heart in times like these. While passion for peace is important, the passion for war can all too easily be aroused. Hatred can be generated and then hatred begets hatred. Animosity between nations can be initiated and encouraged by unscrupulous people and nations until war results, with tragic consequences for all.

So let us long for peace with the heart and plan for peace with the mind, remembering that the gospel says, "blessed are the peacemakers," not simply the "peace lovers"!

—Elby Boosinger
Executive Secretary
Department of Church Men
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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March 27, 1983 Palm Sunday 11:00 a.m.

WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE TO GOD
The Prelude Processional W. Matthias
Lighting the Candles
Call to Worship
* Processional Hymn 155 All Glory, Laud, and Hono

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER TO GOD
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting
Anthem Draw Nigh to Jerusalem

WE WORSHIP IN CELEBRATING OUR LIVES TOGETHER
Welcome of members and visitors
Concerns of the Congregation
Hymn 157 In the Cross of Christ I Glor

WE WORSHIP IN BRINGING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD
Offertory Sound the Trumpet H. Purcel
(Denise Joines, Soprano)
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

WE WORSHIP IN HEARING GOD'D WORD READ AND PREACHED
The Scripture I Timothy 1:12-
Luke 19:28-
The Sermon Going to Jerusalem Dr. Hamilt

E WORSHIP IN DEDICATING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Hymn 175 Ride on, Ride on in Majesty

Benediction

Choral Response Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing

Extinguishing the Candles

Postlude Piece Symphonique C. Franck

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HE ALTAR ARRANGEMENT is given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie C. Johnston in memory of their fathers and in honor of their mothers.

ODAY:
4:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Middle Hi Youth at Hankeys
7:00 Stewardship/Missionary Ed Committee

UESDAY:
7:00 Lenten Studies

EDNESDAY:
12:00 Lenten Studies

HURSDAY:
7:30 Maundy Thursday Service of Worship with Holy Communion served at the chancel steps.

EXT SUNDAY:
8:30 Breakfast in the Parish House
Please place your reservation today.
9:45 Church School
11:00 Service of Worship with Holy Communion

ONGRATULATIONS to Carolyn Watson and Bill Price, III whose Service of Marriage was celebrated yesterday.

OSPITALIZED: John Davis at Veteran's, Durham.

RTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

REJOICE AND PRAISE GOD

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 27, 1983

LUKE 19:28-40

The prophet Zechariah excited his hearers with a radically hopeful picture of a coming king. He would not arrive, as kings usually do, brandishing armaments and military might. This king would not arrive with war horses and chariots, but riding on a lowly colt. His style would not be pomp, but humility; his command would not be aggression, but universal peace.

Now, years later, Zechariah's hopeful picture has come to life. As Jesus descends the Mount of Olives on a colt, the whole multitude of the disciples begins to "rejoice and praise God." The truth that was once hidden is now out in the open: Jesus is the long-awaited Messianic King!

In the midst of all the joy, however, there are signs of trouble. The Pharisees urge Jesus to quiet the crowd. Jesus rejects their protest, saying, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." Jesus brings peace, not to satisfy narrow patriotism but to fill the hunger of the whole creation.

Even the disciples do not know how costly Jesus' peace-making work will be. At the foot of the Mount, Jesus weeps over the city because it does not know "the things that make for peace." Only Jesus knows fully that his mission of peace will lead him to the cross.

—Rev. Thomas G. Long
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

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MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

March 31, 1983

7:30 P.M.

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Miss Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist

April 3, 1983 Easter Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE: Chorale Prelude on: Herzlich thut mich Verlangen J. Kirnberger

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Yesterday the world was dark:
the curtain of the temple was rent,
the earth shook, even guards wondered
if this man was Son of God.

People: Today the world rejoices,
for the risen Savior lives again among us
All praise to Jesus Christ.

All: Christ the Lord is risen.
He is risen indeed.

*PROCESSIONAL 182 Christ the Lord is Risen Toda

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 24:13-3

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THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Easter Responsive Prayer (insert

THE OFFERING
Offertory Solo The Holy City S. Adam
(John Stitt, Tenor)

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Easter Affirmations Dr. Hamilto

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR EASTER

PASTOR: Come, Lord, minister to us as you did the disciples.

PEOPLE: Roll back the rock from our tomb of despair.

PASTOR: As you called Mary by name that Easter morning.

PEOPLE: Come and call us by name and give us new hope.

PASTOR: As you lifted the sadness from the hearts of those who were mourning,

PEOPLE: So lift our sadness.

PASTOR: The world around us reminds us of your renewing power. That which seemed dead in the cold winter seems now to come alive again

PEOPLE: Let that remind us, Lord, that we can be renewed.

PASTOR: That which was dark and dull has color again.

PEOPLE: Let that remind us of the beauty of spirit that can come to us when we grow in your love and goodness.

PASTOR: The lilies of the chancel are like trumpets announcing your living power.

PEOPLE: Let them remind us of the good news announced to us in the resurrection.

PASTOR: Lord, we are grateful for life

PEOPLE: And for the promise of life to come.

PASTOR: We praise you for showing us the kind of love that never gives up, that hopes all things, that is eternal.

PEOPLE: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you forever.

EASTER LILIES

In memory of Mr. Keith B. Dean
by the Family

In memory of Janet Loy Faulkner
by the Family

In memory of Mr. Walter C. Perry, Jr. and in honor of Estelle L. Perry
by their children and grandchildren.

In memory of Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds
by Mrs. Ann Reynolds

In memory of Mr. Walter L. Smith
by the Family

In memory of Dr. John G. Truitt
by Mrs. Truitt

In memory of Mr. Gordon L. Whitener and Mr. Melvin R. Hamilton
by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamilton

ANTHEM

Since By Man Came Death (The MESSIAH) G.F. Hand

by man came also the resurrection of the dead,

For as in Adam all die,

Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

ELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Invitation
Communion Collect
General Confession Hymnal page 495
Assurance of God's Forgiveness
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
The Communion
Prayer of Thanksgiving Hymnal page 496
YMN 150 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

ENEDICTION
Cong. Response 193 Thine Is the Glory (Stanza 1)
OSTLUDE Let Us All Be Joyful Healy Willan

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Clem and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McConkey by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Clem.

UR COMMON PRACTICE is to observe "Open Communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

HE GUEST MUSICIANS participating in our worship service today are Nancy Thomas, organist, John Stitt, tenor (UNC-CH), Katherine Wachter, Donda Thompson, Martha Ginn, Susan Whitley, Lynn Woodruff, and Charles Wilkins, all of Williams High School. We are most grateful for their contribution to our Easter service.

IRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week, as announced in "The Torch".

HE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Thursday evening at 7:30.

HANKS to all who prepared, served, and attended the breakfast this morning.

HE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow.

RISEN INDEED

EASTER APRIL 3, 1983
LUKE 24:13-35

We live in need of one who will redeem our old order by a new order—a realm where the last are first and the first last, where lions invite the lambs not to be lunch but to share lunch, where banquets are thrown for ne'er-do-wells while the rest of us are put on diets, where the blind turn in their white canes for kaleidoscopes and the lame lead us all in the Nutcracker Suite. God will redeem us from death back to life again. With that promise of redemption, we are freed from the need to secure our future in megatons or mega-bucks or inordinate power or inexhaustible productivity. Christ is risen.

Easter comes as the dawn of that new day. With the assurance of Jesus Christ sitting at the right hand of God there to intercede on our behalf, we may greet the day with shouts of hallelujah! We join sisters and brothers of faith as the people of God, making our pilgrimage toward God's promised land. There will be hands holding ours to keep us from falling; there will be tasks to be done in our commitment to Christ's way. There will be others to lift up to us the vision of new life; and there will be neighbors to care for who need our encouragement and support. So, let us set forth with all confidence and hope. God's grace has redeemed us through Christ's reconciling love. With the Spirit to guide us, the new order has begun. Christ is risen indeed!

—Dr. James C. Kirk
Discipleship and Worship Program
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COME AND HAVE BREAKFAST

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Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist
Kristen Wilkins and Lee Blanchard, Acolytes

April 10, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Wondrous Love arr. D. N. Johnson

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation (all Uniting)
Our Father, as we turn our minds and spirits to you in worship, may we be persuaded again of your presence with us, your love for us, and your guidance to us. In the name of Jesus we pray, as he taught us:
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 192 The Day of Resurrection
THE LIVING WORD
First Lesson Acts 5:12-16
Gospel Lesson John 21:1-14
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Solo Denise Joines, Soprano
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 157 In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Sermon Bread and Fish Dr. Hamilton
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving
Johannes Brahms
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 199 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Benediction

Postlude Jesus, I Will Ponder Now J.S. Bach

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Ralph Oxford and Mr. Jim Lyons.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Marsha Lankford by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lankford.

MANY, MANY THANKS go to Miss Nancy Thomas and Mrs. Denise Joines for leading today in the ministry of music.

TODAY: 5:00 Middle Hi Youth at Wilkins
6:30 Confirmation Class
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE STEWARDSHIP/MISSIONARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the Gregory Library.

OUR MISSIONS FESTIVAL begins Saturday, at 9:30 a.m. These sessions will help us understand just what happens with the gifts we give to OCWM. Our guests will include Rev. Mrs. Padmasani Gallop, Rev. Myles Walburn, and Rev. Ervin Milton.

NEXT SUNDAY, Rev. Myles Walburn, treasurer of the UCBWM, will be preaching. A covered dish luncheon will follow the Service of Worship.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of January-March contributions are available in the narthex. Please secure your envelope.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

APRIL 10, 1983
JOHN 21:1-14

They were tired, wet, and cold. There had been weighty conflict down in Jerusalem and apparent defeat at Golgotha. But in three days there had been sudden mystery at an empty grave. Even so, this was none of that. This was daybreak after a long night's work. Jesus had simply cooked breakfast and called them to eat. That says something about the religious life. At times it is a struggle with evil, sacrificial service, hard work, and mystery. But the time comes when Christ graciously beckons us to rest, nourishment, and renewal—to "Come and have breakfast."

"WHAT OUR FAITH MEANS TO US"

About this time last year, two of our United Church of Christ missionaries in Japan returned home to Hawaii after two years of service. "Our teaching commitments are over," wrote Rev. and Mrs. Masayoshi Wakai. "It's been a great experience—living, caring, sharing, learning, and being immersed in Japanese culture."

". . . we've come here [to Japan] as missionary associates through the assistance of the United Church Board for World Ministries. We were sent here as teachers of the English language," they wrote. "Our mission, therefore, has not been to proselyte but to attempt to demonstrate through our daily living what our faith means to us."

The Wakais have met others living out their faith in Japan including "a number of career missionaries who have given thirty-plus years in the service of our Lord . . .," they wrote. ". . . we can't help but admire and respect them for their long years of dedication and service."

We in the United Church of Christ affirm and support the work of short-term missionaries—like Helen and Masayoshi Wakai—and many other career missionaries through our gifts to Our Christian World Mission.

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ed my Sheep" When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, n of John, do you love me more an these?" He said to him, "Yes, rd; you know that I love you." He d to him, "Feed my lambs." A cond time he said to him, "Simon, n of John, do you love me?" He said him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I e you." He said to him, "Tend my eep." He said to him the third time, mon, son of John, do you love me?" er was grieved because he said to n the third time, "Do you love me?" d he said to him, "Lord, you know rything; you know that I love you." us said to him, "Feed my sheep."

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April 17, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Allegro Maestoso F. Mendelssohn

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Dr. Hamilton
Choral Introit Alleluia R. Englert
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer p. 513
* Hymn 199 Crown Him with Many Crowns

THE LIVING WORD
Congregational Concerns
The Bulletin Message
Lessons from the New Testament Romans 12:1-5
Luke 16:19-31

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Anthem All in the April Evening Roberton

THE SPOKEN WORD
Children's Sermon Rev. Gallup
Hymn 400 More Love to Thee, O Christ
Sermon Concerning a Chasm Rev. Walburn

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Chartres R. Purvis
* Congregational Thanksgiving The Doxology
* Our Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 202 Jesus Shall Reign

D'S BLESSING ON OUR LABORS
The Benediction
Congregational Response (Tune: Morning has Broken)

Worship is over on this good morning,
Scripture has spoken, and we have heard,
Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning,
Praise brings assurance out from God's Word.

Send us forth singing, Send us forth doing,
Lead us and guide us in the true way,
Praise for the singing, Praise for the Spirit,
Send us forth caring--living each day.

NGREGATIONAL HYMN-SINGING

Hymn 383		Forward Through the Ages
Hymn 198		Christ Is the World's True Light
STLUDE	Sanctus	F. Liszt

* Indicates when the congregation stands.

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John Gerlach in honor of her mother, Mrs. Ruth Simpson.

DAY: 12:15 Congregational Luncheon in Parish House
4:00 Confirmation Class
6.30 Both Youth Groups meet here for a Spaghetti Supper.
6:30 Worship Committee

WELCOME our Mission Festival guests. Rev. Myles Walburn is treasurer of the UCBWM and Rev.Padmasani Gallup is UCBWM Missionary-in-Residence from Maduria, India. We hear them gladly this morning and look forward to informal conversation at the congregational luncheon which follows our Service of Worship.

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

APRIL 17, 1983

JOHN 21:15-17

It was not that Jesus needed the answer. It was that Simon Peter neec ed the question. So Jesus asked persistently—once, twice, thre times—"Do you love me?" Launcelot Andrewes, a Christian, knew tha persistence. "O God," he once prayed, "I thank you for my call, recal yea, many calls beside." That is God's grace: patient, persisten pointed. "Do *you* love me?—again and again, Christ asks that. Face enough by the question, we may say an authentic "Yes!" by acting fc people whom Christ loves: the poor, the sick, the friendless, the hungr neighbor.

GOD'S CALL TO LIVE IN UNITY

Since 1925 more than sixty denominations have come into be ing around the world, bringing together more than 180 previousl divided bodies. Our own United Church of Christ is one suc example—our denomination was born out of the unique unio between the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Con gregational Christian Churches in 1957!

In 1962 the UCC was one of the four founding members of th Consultation on Church Union (COCU). COCU now includes te denominations and has helped to bring about consensus on basi theological principles. Its focus now is on the mutual recognitio of ministries.

"The time has also come to take a hard look at our ecumenica commitments, the responsibilities that they involve, and ou capacities to meet them," says Avery D. Post, UCC presiden at General Synod Thirteen held in June last year. "Wherever yo turn in the ecumenical spectrum, the United Church of Christ i seen as a critical community of faith in manifesting God's call t the church to manifest and live in unity: [this call includes] ou membership in the Consultation on Church Unity . . . ."

Our denomination's activity in COCU and in other ecumenica organizations is made possible through our regular gifts to Ou Christian World Mission.

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April 24, 1983 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in C Major J.S. Bac

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Rejoice, Ye Hearts E. Butle
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer p. 51
* Hymn 341 Dear Lord and Father of Mankin

THE LIVING WORD
Congregational Concerns
Children's Sermon
The Bulletin Message
Lessons from the New Testament John 10:22-
Revelation 7:9-1

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Anthem Alleluja (Exsultate, Jubilate) W.A. Mozar
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
* Hymn 84 The Lord's My Shepher
Sermon The Long, Grieving Road Home Dr. Hamilt

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory God is My Refuge and Strength Brah
* Congregational Thanksgiving The Doxolo

* Our Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 60 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name
GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR LABORS
* The Benediction
* Choral Response Nunc Dimittis
* Postlude Antiphon No. IV G. Young

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Matlock, Jr.

TODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Middle Hi Youth at Young's
7:00 Stewardship/Missionary Education Com.

THE BULLETIN INSERT lists the educational institutions related to the United Church of Christ.

CUB SCOUT PACK 51 meets Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the Parish House.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE meets Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the Gregory Library.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE for our congregational self-study meets Wednesday evening at 7:00 in the middle High classroom.

THE BURLINGTON AREA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP quarterly dinner meeting will be held Thursday evening at 7:00 at the Union Ridge United Church of Christ. Please gather in our church parking lot at 6:30 for car-pooling.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS and Daily Devotional Guides for May-June are available in the narthex.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due in the secretary's office tomorrow morning.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

APRIL 24, 1983

JOHN 10:22-30

You saw him from the car window as you wound through the hills between Jerusalem and Jericho. The land was hot and seared by the sun. Up the slope sat a camel-skin tent. Nothing living appeared, except a Bedouin boy and two goats that chewed at dry twigs on a barren bush. You heard him softly call; saw the goats respond. Between them were bonds. It is so with Jesus. Like the ties between parent and child, intimate friends, shepherd and sheep, are the bonds of Jesus and his disciples. With him, there is trust, knowing, and eternal life.

CELEBRATING OUR EDUCATIONAL HERITAGE

Colorful histories and denominational traditions abound in the forty-seven educational institutions related to our United Church of Christ. For example, did you know that Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina, was established by the North Carolina Classis of the Reformed Church "to aid in the education of indigent and pious young men—for the Gospel ministry"? Catawba became co-educational in 1890 and enrolls 1,000 students today.

Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas, is another UCC-related college. The "Mission Statement" of the college stresses "the promotion of liberal education within the framework of ethical and moral principles . . . ." Founded in 1875 by the American Missionary Association, Tillotson College merged with Methodist-related Samuel Huston College in 1952. Today this liberal arts college enrolls 700 students.

The youngest of the colleges related to the UCC is Hawaii Loa College in Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii. Founded interdenominationally in 1963, this liberal arts college is related to the UCC, United Methodist Church, Episcopal Church, and Presbyterian Church. Hawaii Loa currently enrolls 350 students.

The rich and varied heritages of all thirty colleges, two academies, and fifteen seminaries related to our denomination provide a firm foundation for these schools today. Through our gifts to Our Christian World Mission we help to strengthen and celebrate our special ties with these educational institutions through the Council for Higher Education and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

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ér'-ga, they went down to Ăt-ta-lĭ'-a; and
om there they sailed to Ăn'-tĭ-ŏch.

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May 1, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE To Thee Be Glory Given J.S. Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Come, Come Ye Sons of Art Purcell
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer p. 51
* Hymn 345 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

THE LIVING WORD
Congregational Concerns
Children's Sermon
The Bulletin Message
Lessons from the New Testament Acts 14:19-2
John 13:31-3

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Anthem Song of Joy S. Bec
(Denise Joines, Soprano)
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
* Hymn 234 Breathe on Me, Breath of Go
Sermon Opening Doors of Faith Dr. Hamilto

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Adagio (Fantasia in f minor) W.A. Moza
* Congregational Thanksgiving The Doxolo
* Our Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 238 Come, Gracious Spir

OD'S BLESSING ON OUR LABORS
The Benediction
Choram Response — Nunc Dimittis
Postlude — Rigadon — A. Campra

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors on this Elon College Alumni Weekend. Please sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Bill Blanchard and Dr. J. Earl Danieley.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hook by Dr. and Mrs. Cade Covington and Family.

DDAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
6:30 "All-Church" Family Night
7:30 Board of Deacons

HE FAMILY NIGHT this evening is sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. Rev. Richard Rinker will show slides on the various activities at our Conference camp sites. Please bring a covered dish. Tableware and beverage will be provided.

HE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE has postponed its May meeting to Thursday of next week - May 12 at 7:30 p.m.

IRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet Monday and Tuesday. May Fellowship Day is Friday at noon at the First Christian Church. Please contact Mrs. Fred Young for tickets.

HE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Betty Wagoner Davis upon the death of John Louis Davis on April 27.

OSPITALIZED: Dr. A. L. Hook - Carolina Central Hospital, Sanford; Mrs. Eleanore Kittenger - County Hospital, Burlington.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 1, 1983
ACTS 14:19-28

Perga, Attalia, Antioch—Luke ticks off the towns where Paul and Barnabas went preaching the news of God's deeds in Jesus. The gospel had gotten into their hearts. It also got in their feet. It was an upsetting gospel. So townspeople at Lystra stoned Paul and left him for dead. But he got up, moved on, and took the word throughout the Mediterranean world. The church gets written off as being dead by some people today. But let Christians get Jesus in their feet, move the gospel in mission to the world, and the church will spring up with exciting new life.

"WE WERE NOT ALONE"

Special thanks came to the United Church of Christ from Cesar Chavez, president of the United Farm Workers of America, at the 1981 annual meeting of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. Mr. Chavez thanked the Board and the UCC for standing with the farm workers in their struggle for economic justice.

"You have been with us and stayed with us longer than any other church group in the U.S.," Mr. Chavez said. "You have been much more ready to dirty your hands in the work of social justice."

Mr. Chavez also remembered and complimented our UCC General Synod for sending representatives to Farm Worker Union picketlines in 1973 when death threats had been made against strikers. "It made a tremendous impact on our opposition that a national church group left its convention to witness what we were going through," Mr. Chavez said. "They realized we were not alone and then pulled back."

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries was one of the founders of the National Farm Worker Ministry formed in 1971 to work closely with the United Farm Workers of America. The Ministry was formed by major Protestant denominations, Roman Catholic organizations, state migrant ministries, and the National Council of Churches to develop a partnership between the church and farm workers striving to build their own union.

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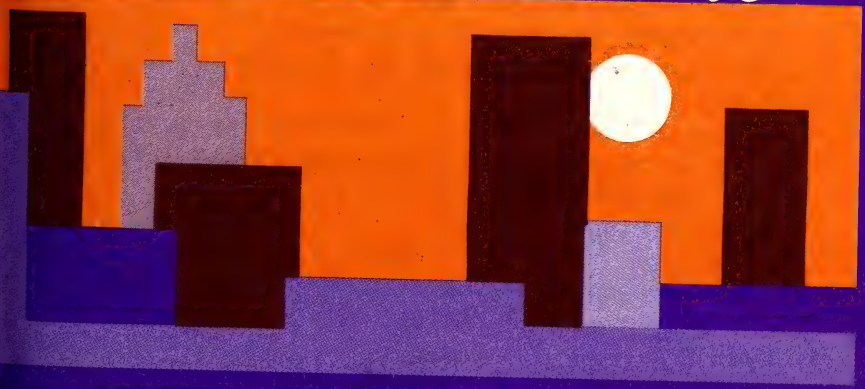
we will come...

and make our home



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May 8, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Trumpet Tune J. Stanle

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Lord, Bless Our Homes D. Evan
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer p. 51
* Hymn 64 All Creatures of Our God and Kin

THE LIVING WORD
Congregational Concerns
Family Thank Offering Caroline Powel
Children's Sermon
The Bulletin Message
Lessons from the New Testament Acts 5:27-3
John 21:15-1

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Anthem The King of Love My Shepherd Is Knowle
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
* Hymn 212 Blessed Jesus, at Thy Wor
Sermon One Question Three Times Dr. Hamilt

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Aria S. Karg-Ele
* Congregational Thanksgiving The Doxolo
* Our Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 228 Love Divi

GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR LABORS
The Benediction
Choral Response God Be With You
Postlude Maestoso (Water Music Suite) Handel

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford.

TODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Middle Hi Youth
5:00 Senior Hi Youth
6:30 Worship Committee

THE FAMILY THANK OFFERINGS are dedicated today with our weekly tithes and offerings. Circle members have been setting aside these thankofferings daily during the past year. Envelopes are available in the narthex for others.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Tuesday evening at 6:30 for a cookout. Hot dogs and hamburgers are on the menu.

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE for "Church Planning for Renewal" meets Wednesday evening at 7:00.

HOSPITALIZED: Dr. A. L. Hook - Carolina Central Hospital, Sanford; Mrs. Eleanore Kittenger - County Hospital, Burlington.

NEXT SUNDAY is Confirmation Day. Our young people who have been preparing for Church membership will be confirmed as adult members of the Church. A lemonade hour, sponsored by the Outreach Committee, will follow on the church lawn.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 8, 1983
JOHN 14:23-29

At a poignant moment in the film, *E.T.*, the extra-terrestrial creature lifts his finger toward a distant galaxy and longingly says, "Home." Home: life and kinship. Home: secure dwelling in an insecure time. Home: the place you are sure of love, no matter what. Jesus offers that. "Open your life to God and to me," he invites. "We will make you our home. You will know kinship with divinity. You will have strength, though the world shake to its roots. Within you, there will be a place where God lives in love that abides, whatever happens outside."

HONOR THY PARENTS

This month we celebrate Mother's Day; next month will bring Father's Day.

Thinking of these holidays affirms the wisdom of the Ten Commandments, where we are told to *honor* our mothers and our fathers. Not to *love* them, mind you, but to *honor* them.

Each of us responds to what is involved in honoring in an individual way. I remember being told that it was "silly" of me to bring flowers to the graves of my long-dead parents, grandparents, and to that of the child who, had he lived beyond his sixth year, would have been my uncle. "After all," I was told, "they don't know you're there."

Perhaps not. But *I* know that I am there. Standing in that green spot, reading the anguished little poem in Swedish by which my grandfather said farewell to his little boy, I feel confirmed in my belief that life is meaningful; that it can be informed by all kinds of emotions, including forgiveness and acceptance; and that, if we are lucky, it can be marked by abiding love.

Some honor their parents through care in the present, others through memory alone. But both celebrate the gift of life which they and God have given us. For that they deserve honor indeed.

—Nanette M. Roberts, Ph.D.
General Secretary, Division of
Higher Education and the
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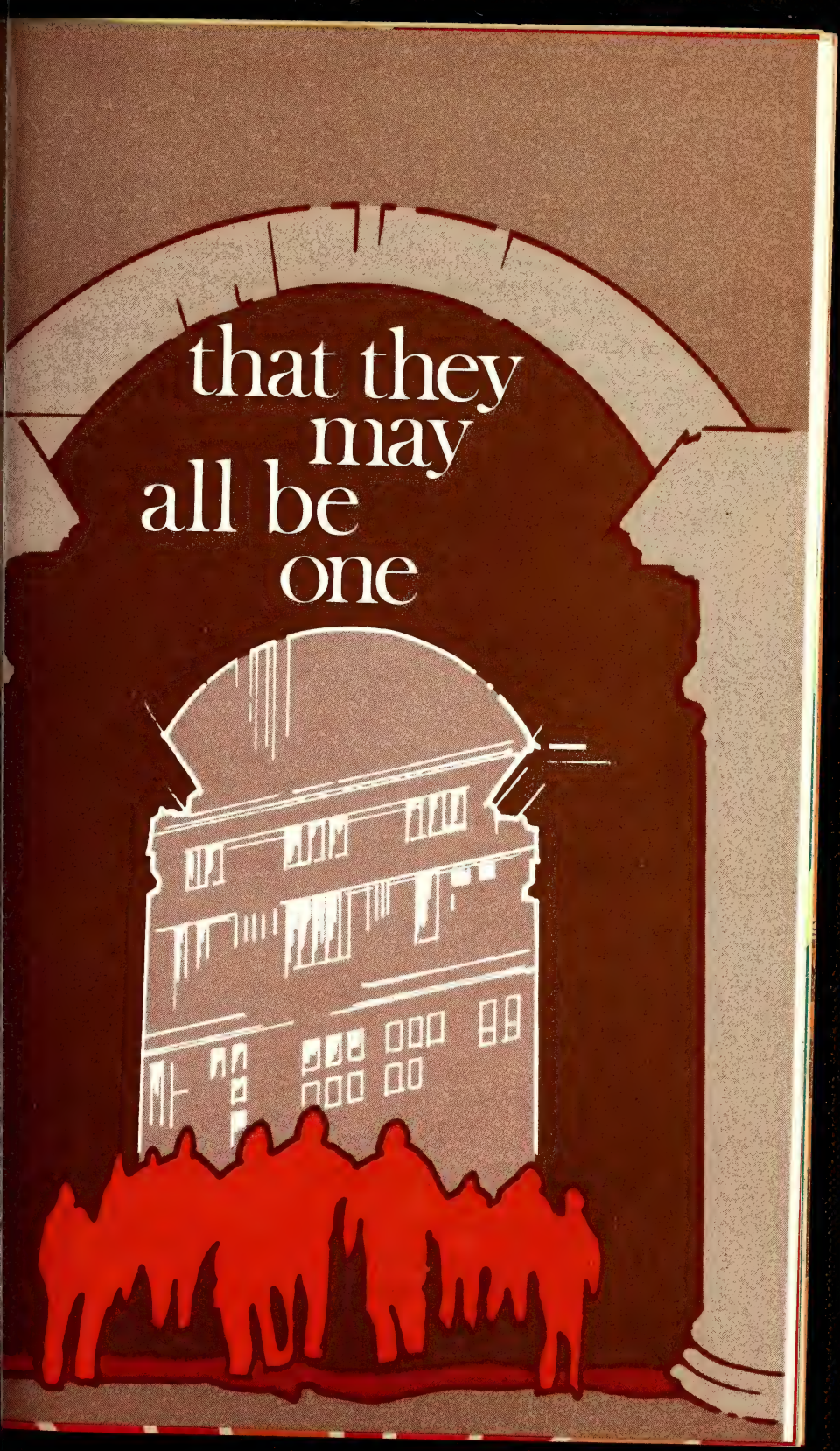

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Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music
Trip Walker and David Harper, Acolytes

May 15, 1983 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude in D M. Dupr

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Gracious Spirit, Dwell in M
*HYMN 478 All Things Bright and Beautifu

*UNISON PRAYER
Lord God, keep before us the challenge and excite-
ment of the truth found in Christ. Renew for us
the encounter of faith and enable us to respond in
joyful obedience. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 17:20-2

ANTHEM Thy Will, Not Mine, O, Lord Rachmanninof

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING
Offertory Antiphon for Organ G. Re
* The Doxology and prayer of Dedication
SERMON That They May Be One Dr. Hamilt

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION
Invitation
The Vows
* The Statement of Faith
The Sacrament of Baptism
Laying on of Hands

Congregation: Friends, we greet you with joy. We pledge to you our friendship in the Lord, and will give you our support in prayer and service that we all may continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God and be witnesses together of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

YMN 218 O Jesus, I Have Promised

ENEDICTION

Choral Response Nunc Dimittis

Postlude Allegro in C J.S. Bach

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Col. Dariel Burchfield and Mr. Jim Lyon.

E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. Ferris Reynolds by the Family.

DAY: 5:00 Middle Hi Youth
5:00 Senior Hi Youth

W MEMBERS are received today by the Rite of Confirmation. Confirmands are: John T. Barbee, J. LeeAnne Blanchard, Jennifer A. Blake, William R. Beyer, Caroline Y. Powell, Kristin E. Wilkins, and Jane E. Young.

LLOWING THE SERVICE, the Outreach Committee will hold a refreshment period on the front lawn in honor of the Confirmation Class.

E FUN CLUB meets Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Updyke Choral Center.

E ANNUAL SERVICE honoring the 1983 graduating class of Elon College will be held here Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

SPITALIZED: Dr. A. L. Hook at Central Carolina Hospital, Sanford.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 15, 1983
JOHN 17:20-26

Spiritual unity is widely affirmed in the church today. But visible signs of unity are not so widespread. Religious rivalries may be rare. But so is sustained practice of the oneness Christ prays for. It is a time of pluralism in the culture; of inwardness, survival mentality, and ferment in the church. But Christ still calls us to unity. In the quest for spiritual identity and work of ministry and mission, may not we better clarify and empower faith if we test and act for it alongside colleagues whose journey is really not unlike our own?

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

The Bible says that God loves and cares for all people and that we are to love our neighbors and seek their welfare and salvation. Jesus and his disciples, like the Old Testament prophets, engaged in such ministry to and on behalf of the poor and dispossessed.

Surely, the great disparity and imbalance between the affluent and the poor nations of our world and between the wealthy and impoverished sectors within each country call for urgent and transforming solutions. Could it be that repentance is required? Do we hear God calling us, requiring of us to: (1) dissent from our present life-style; (2) be in solidarity with the poor in their entitlement to justice and liberation; (3) share our resources; and (4) help create the political will for a new international economic order which is just and participatory?

To act positively, creatively, and boldly for justice is to risk rejection. Out of this position of weakness, the spirit empowers the church for action. At the same time, our knowledge of God puts us in a position of strength and challenges us to daring adventures of faith, that in Christ all may be one.

—Jane Glassbrook
Staff Associate for Education/Action for Justice
Corporate and Social Mission
Presbyterian Church, U.S.

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We hear them

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May 22, 1983 Pentecost 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Cantabile J. Jonge

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit We All Believe in One True Go
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 199 Crown Him With Many Crown

THE LIVING WORD
Congregational Concerns
Recognition of High School Seniors
Reading from the Old Testament Isaiah 65:17-
Reading from the New Testament Acts 2:1-

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Anthem The Call R. Vaughan-Willia
(Nancy Maultsby, Mezzo Soprano)
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
* Hymn 290 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hear
Sermon When Strange Things Happen in Church
Dr. Hamilt

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Rorate Caeli: F. Campbell-Wats
* Congregational Thanksgiving The Doxolo

Our Prayer of Dedication
Hymn 202 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
DD'S BLESSING ON OUR LABORS
The Benediction
Choral Response God Be With You
Postlude The Rejoicing (Royal Fireworks Suite)
G.F. Handel

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. A. I. Braxton by the Family.

E WELCOME Nancy Maultsby as our soloist today. Nancy has just completed her freshman year at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N.J.

DDAY: 5:00 Middle Hi Youth
5:00 Senior Hi Youth

ONGRATULATIONS to our nine youth who will be graduated soon from area high schools. They are: Beth Barbee, Jonathan Blake, Billy Blanchard, Anita Butler, Ann Finch, Gray Lackey, Debbie Scarlata, Andre Wilkins, and Alan Young.

HE STEWARDSHIP/MISSIONARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:30.

HE "ALL-CHURCH" Planning for Renewal Weekend will be June 17-18. The planning committee seeks the participation and insights of every member.

OSPITALIZED: Dr. A. L. Hook at Carolina Central Hospital, Sanford, N.C.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 22, 1983
ACTS 2:1-13

"COME, HOLY SPIRIT"

What happened on that day of Pentecost came as a surprise. First came wind and noise and strange flames. But more amazing yet was what occurred next. Seemingly ordinary people were suddenly able to speak words that hearers from Asia to Judea to Rome could understand. It was understood as an expression of what the Holy Spirit can do.

What happened that day, and what happens now, need not be surprising. Through the windows of the scriptures and through enactments all around us, we can find the Spirit of God at work. Sometimes the Spirit's action is as dramatic as wind and thunder and tongues of fire. Other times it is quiet and gentle, discerned less by the senses than by the heart. It is the Spirit that, corporately or in our most private moments, comforts or chastens us and summons us to do what God wants us to do—and to be what God wants us to be.

And as it was then, so it is now: God's love comes in all languages, and God's Spirit knows no limitations of geography or culture or time.

—Vic Jameson
Communications Unit, Support Agency
United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

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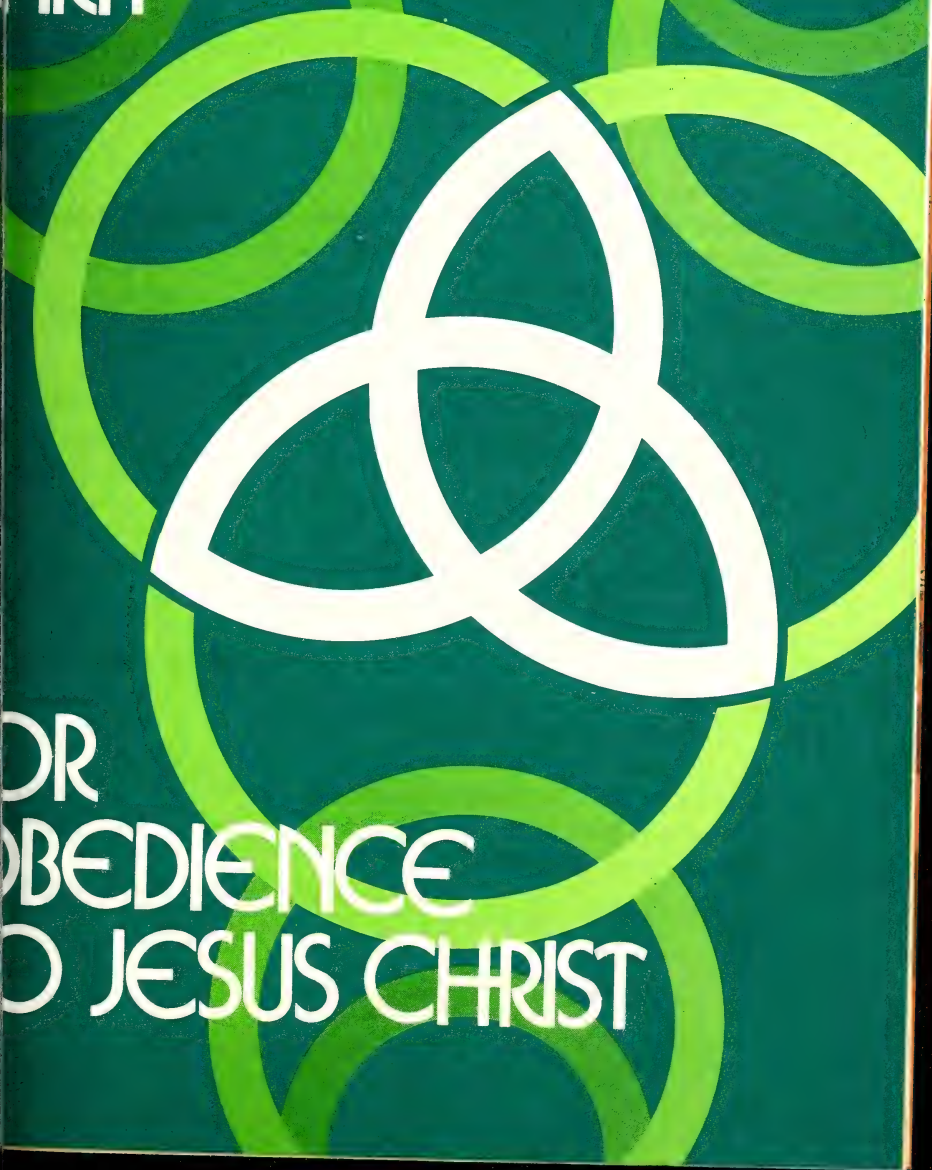

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O JESUS CHRIST

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May 29, 1983 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Blessed Jesu, at Thy Word J. S. Bac

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit God is Love: Let Heaven Adore Hi
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 8 Joyful, Joyful We Adore The
THE LIVING WORD
Congregational Concerns
Children's Sermon
Readings from the New Testament I Peter 1:1-
John 20:19-2
THE WORD OF PRAYER
Anthem A Blessing M. Sha
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE SPOKEN WORD
* Hymn 343 In Heavenly Love Abidin
Sermon When Trials Come Dr. Hamilto
RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Interlude for Organ W. Boyc
* Congregational Thanksgiving The Doxolog
* Our Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 97 God of Our Lif
GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR LABORS
* The Benediction

Choral Response Nunc Dimittis
Postlude Finale (Royal Fireworks Suite) Handel

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Stephen Edward Hughes by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Waverly Hughes.

THE CHANCEL WREATH is presented in memory of Captain Joe Burchfield and others who gave their lives in the service of their country by Col. and Mrs. Dariel Burchfield.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:30.

2 OF OUR YOUTH and adult counselors are holding a weekend retreat at Presbyterian Point. They will return this evening.

HE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Dr. A.L. Hook on May 22.

HE "ALL-CHURCH" Planning for Renewal Weekend will be June 17-18. The planning committee seeks the participation and insights of every member.

EXT SUNDAY we will be celebrating the burning of mortgages and the dedication of our Christian education annex. In appreciation of assistance from the denomination, we also will receive our special offering for New Initiatives in Church Development (NICD).

TICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MAY 29, 1983

1 PETER 1:1-9

"Beauty and the Beast" tells about an ugly beast who is loved by a beauty until he realizes that love and becomes beautiful. The story grips the imagination because we yearn to be changed for the better. Peter's letter says that God has taken the initiative to do just that. Unloveable as we are, Jesus shows how much God loves us until, by a miracle of grace, we begin to grow more godly. That growth can be painful and slow. But we are "chosen." On us is a mark, the mark of a cross. It signifies the depth of God's love and the length it will go, until we are "sanctified."

"THINGS ARE SHAPING UP"

"This [letter] is scribbled on the backs and around the edges of old letters you have written us," write Rev. Charles and Dr. Nancy Wallick, United Church of Christ missionaries in Zimbabwe, Africa. "We even keep our hospital records on the backs of old account sheets! Paper is that scarce in Zimbabwe."

They write that schools, teachers, and school supplies are also scarce in Zimbabwe. "The secondary school in which Charles teaches Form 3 English consists of about 750 young people in their teens, though many are 20 to 25 because of their participation in the liberations. There are just enough classrooms, but they contain only antiquated desks and some have no light bulbs right now. For evening study hall the students often read outside under the security light!"

"The general rundown condition of the school buildings and equipment matches that of the hospital [where Nancy works], but, as at the hospital, as money becomes available through the Government and from our United Church Board for World Ministries things are shaping up," they write.

We support the important work of Charles and Nancy Wallick, and of other overseas missionaries, through our regular gifts to Our Christian World Mission.

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MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

June 5, 1983

4:00 p.m.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Elon College, North Carolina

For all the saints
  who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith
  before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus,
  be forever blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Hymn 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Memoirs

Prayer

Scripture Psalm 126

Meditation: "The Meaning of Tears"

Hymn 84 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Benediction

Bruce Martin, Worship Leader
Thomas R. Hamilton, Worship Leader
Mary Alice Bragg, Organist

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BUSINESS SESSION

Election of Officers
Other

OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 1983-84

President	E. S. Lankford
Vice President	Miss Nannie D. Reitzel
Secretary	Mrs. Reggie McLelland
Treasurer	Mr. W. E. Lowe, Jr.

IN MEMORY OF

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MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

June 1, 1982 - May 31, 1983

Checking Account:		
Starting Balance		$3,035.78
Dues Received		808.00
Sub Total		$3,843.78
Disbursements:		
Town of Elon College	$300.00	
Landscaping	303.60	
Secretarial Service	21.75	
Postage	22.75	
Printing Programs	15.00	
	$663.10	663.10
		$3,180.68
Savings Account:	$6,000.00*	
Interest Received	160.29	
Sub Total	$6,160.29	6,160.29
GRAND TOTAL		$9,340.97

*This figure includes $551.34 Interest accumulated prior to the transfer of funds into a new money market certificate - making a total of $711.63 earned for this year.

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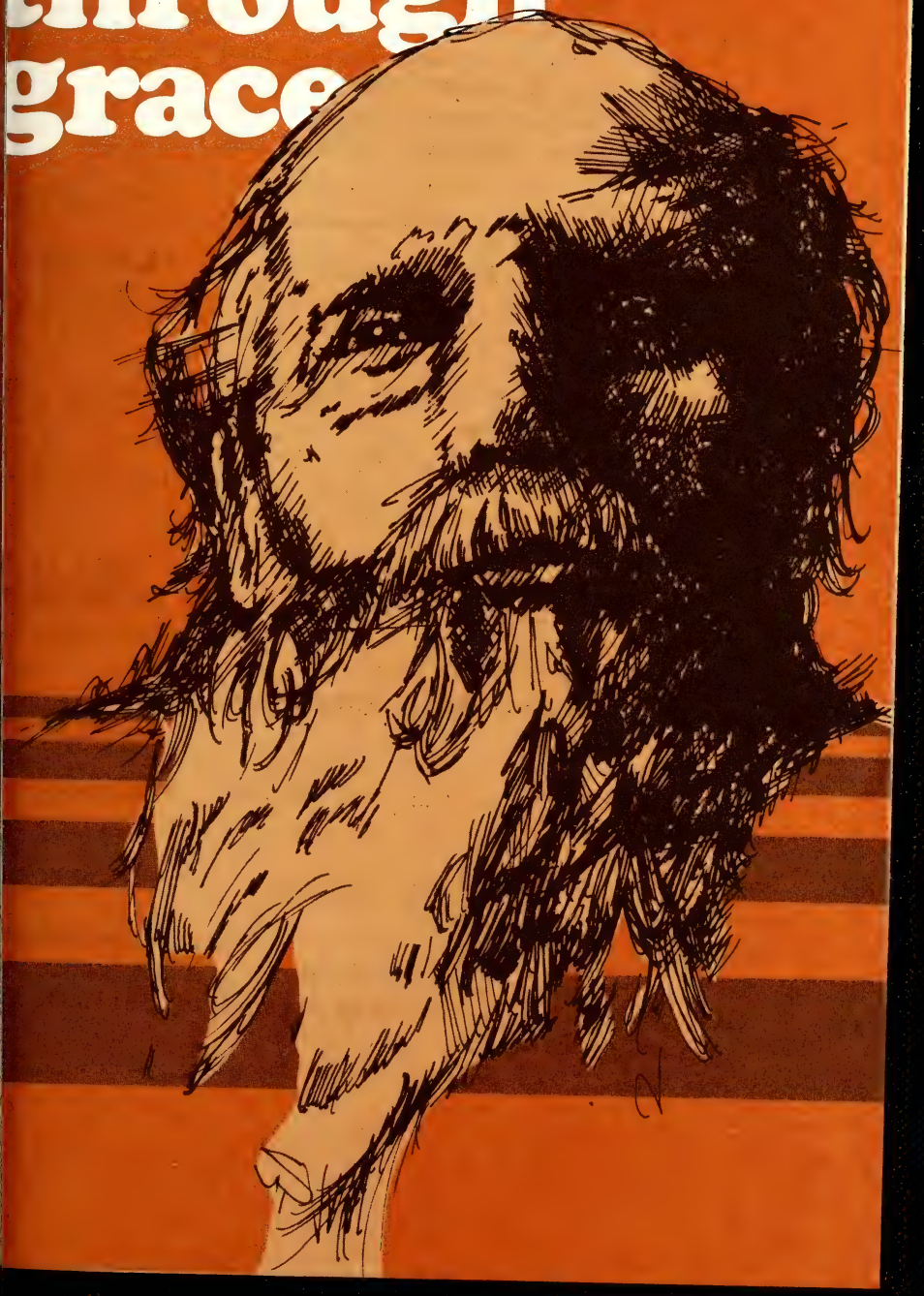

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June 12, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Alla Minueto E.H. Thiman

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit O Love of God, How Strong and True
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 366 God of Grace

THE LIVING WORD
Congregational Concerns
Children's Sermon
Readings from the New Testament Galatians 1:11-19
Luke 7:11-17

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Anthem O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy
G. Pergolesi

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
* Hymn 397 Lord, Speak to Me
Sermon Surprising Visits Dr. Hamilton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Adagio from Concerto in c minor Marcello
* Congregational Thanksgiving The Doxology
* Our Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 267 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Let Your

Light Shine!

Turn it on... Share it

Come to

Church Planning for Renewal

Fri., June 17, 7:30 - 9:30

Sat., June 18 8:30 - 2:30

For the whole family

We need and want <u>you</u>

D'S BLESSING ON OUR LABORS
The Benediction
Choral Response Three Fold Amen
Postlude On Jordan's Stormy Banks G. Read

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given to The Glory of God in memory of Marshall W. Hook and Gerald E. Hook by the Family.

NKS to all who assisted in hosting the Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference this past week.

WOMEN'S SUMMER CONFERENCE will be held here tomorrow through Wednesday.

ATION BIBLE SCHOOL is held each day this week at the First Christian Church. The hours are 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for children in kindergarten through grade 8.

R PARTICIPATION is urgently needed for the Church planning for Renewal sessions on Friday evening (7:30-9:30) and Saturday (8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.). Those needing transportation are asked to call the church office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated next Sunday. Interested families should contact the pastor early this week.

NICD OFFERINGS came to a total of $502.00 toward our budgeted goal of $750.00. Offering envelopes are still available in the narthex.

ICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 12, 1983

GALATIANS 1:11-19

Grace is so pervasive in Christian experience that you'd think we'd wear out the word the way we do our clichés. Instead, grace holds meaning just beyond understanding and lures us on with the prospect of joy. Grace is the motion-flow of a ballerina. Grace is going to bed with an insoluble problem and waking up with the answer. Grace is being the one to whom somebody has turned the other cheek and finding that one no longer wants to hit. Grace is what changed Saul, the enemy of Jesus, into Paul, the Apostle of Christ. Grace is being shown God's truth and having 20/20 insight.

"HAMMERS, NAILS, AND LOVE"

Through the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, we are helping to support ten special ministers on UCC conference staffs—Ministers of Metropolitan Mission. These men and women act as catalysts for change in a broad spectrum of urban problems, ranging from housing and health care to hunger, unemployment, and concerns of the elderly.

One Minister of Metropolitan Mission is the Rev. Buck Jones, in St. Louis, Missouri. Not only does Mr. Jones work at solving problems, he works at *preventing* them. One such example is his work with youth.

"A popular pastime among some people is to put young people down," Mr. Jones writes in a recent USA Mission Letter. "Therefore, I cannot resist sharing a heart-warming experience with you. Fifty members of the Youth United in Ministry (YUM) spent one week with me in East St. Louis, Illinois. They came armed with paint, brushes, scrapers, hammers, nails, and love. They painted and repaired 12 homes owned by low-income elderly and handicapped persons in the Goose Hill Section of East St. Louis.

"In addition to doing a tremendous job, [these youth] showed the people of East St. Louis that the church CARES."

We help to support the Ministers of Metropolitan Mission—and many other urban ministries—when we give our regular contributions to Our Christian World Mission.

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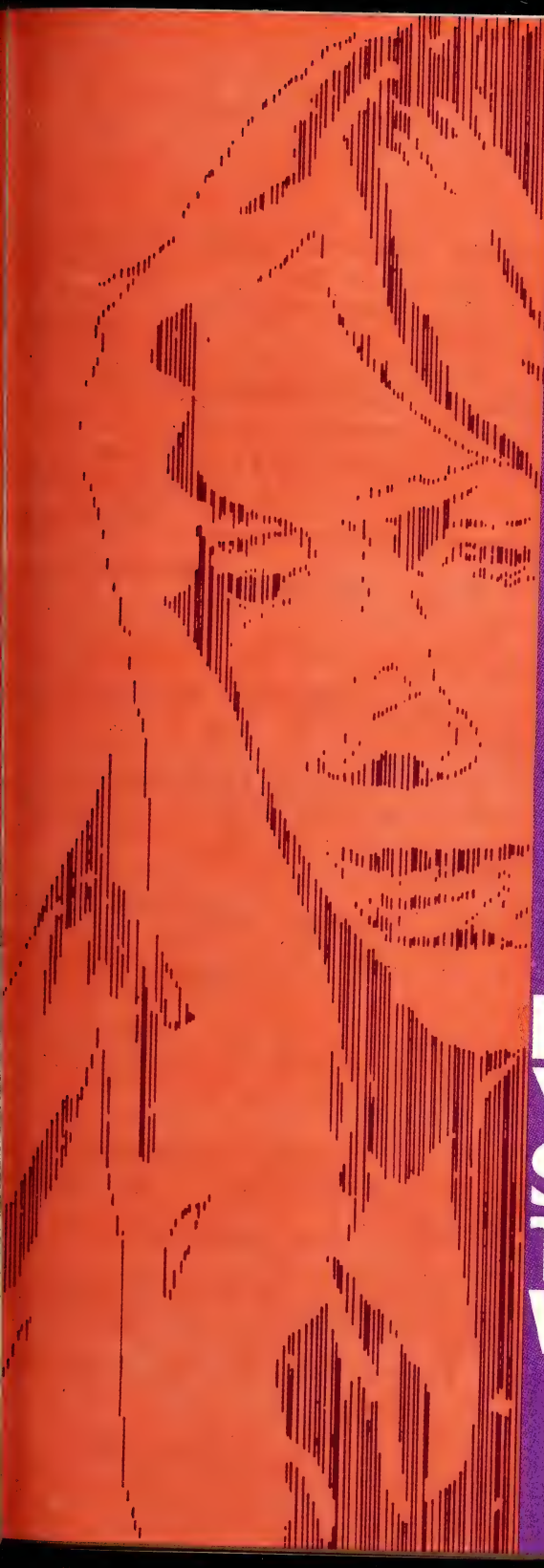

DO YOU SEE THIS WOMAN?

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June 19, 1983 — 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE — Three Early Hymn Tunes — N. Della Joio

PRAISE TO GOD
- Call to Worship
- Choral Introit — The Summer Days Are Come Again
- Prayer of Invocation
- The Lord's Prayer
- * Hymn 65 — Glory Be to God on High

THE LIVING WORD
- Congregational Concerns
- Children's Sermon
- Readings from the New Testament — Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-1; Matthew 28: 16-2

THE WORD OF PRAYER
- Anthem — As Tenderly As A Father — J. Shepher
- The Silent Prayers of the People
- The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
- * Hymn 333 — Father Almighty, Bless M
- Sermon — Disciples and Apostles — Dr. Hamilto

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
- Our Offerings
- Offertory — Siciliano — G.F. Hande
- * Congregational Thanksgiving — The Doxolog
- * Our Prayer of Dedication
- * Hymn 228 — Love Divine, All Loves Excellin

DD'S BLESSING ON OUR LABORS
The Benediction
Choral Response God Be With You
Postlude Voluntary in C Major G.F. Handel

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IE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Caddell and Dr. Fred S. Caddell by The Family.

IANKS to the many, many persons who were busy this past week hosting the Women's Conference, teaching Vacation Bible School, and planning for Church Renewal. The Southern Conference and the Women's Conference were lavish in expressing appreciation for the use of facilities and for the many courtesies extended.

PERSONAL WORD of thanks for last Sunday's recognition of 25 years of ordination and for the delightful reception Wednesday evening - - Thomas R. Hamilton.

NGRATULATIONS to Michael Joseph Sharpe and Nancy Ann Pendergrass Sharpe whose Service of Marriage Affirmation was held here yesterday.

CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT of clothing has been collected for shipment to Missionaries Ken and Judy Hollingsworth in Cameroon. Persons who can help sort and pack are asked to meet in the Updyke Choral Center from 7-9 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

R SERVICES OF WORSHIP are broadcast each Sunday over Radio Station WSOE, 89.3 FM.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 19, 1983

LUKE 7:36-50

The action there in Simon's house was focused by Jesus' question: "Do you see this woman?" Simon did not. He saw a threat to legal traditions. The church has overlooked the woman by making the story an occasion to theologize. Even so, Jesus asks of us today the question he put to Simon: "Do you see this woman?" Stereotypes, language, law, and belief distort our perception of women's equality with men. To see any woman accurately is to see one God-gifted with status and worth we dare not deny and which our institutions must no longer violate.

"SPECIAL QUALITIES TO THE MINISTRY"

Over 850 women are ordained in our United Church of Christ—a larger number of women clergy, percentage-wise, than in any other denomination today!

One woman seminarian tells what it is like to be on the threshold of this growing population in the UCC. "Fifty-two percent of seminary students are women this year," says Gail Miller, a third-year seminarian at Eden Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. "When I first started out, there were a lot fewer than that. We have an equilibrium now, which is good. Men and women both have qualifications and both sexes bring special qualities to the ministry.

"When I first felt the calling to seminary, I was most interested in Christian Education. Now my interest has grown into the whole life of parish ministry," says Ms. Miller, who is currently completing her intern ministry at St. Johns United Church of Christ in Dover, Ohio. "I like everything—the worship, youth work, visitation, committee responsibilities, and relationships that can be built up in the church."

About a year from now Gail Miller will graduate from Eden Seminary and will seek ordination, thus joining the growing number of women clergy serving our denomination. We in the UCC—one of our predecessor denominations having been the first Protestant denomination to ordain women—celebrate the special gifts and skills women seminarians and clergy bring to our church today!

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a spirit of COMPASSION

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June 26, 1983 Communion Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Allegro Maestoso G.F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Look from Your Sphere of Endless Day
UNISON PRAYER
O Lord our God, as a company of seekers, we are grateful for these moments to turn our thoughts from ourselves to your presence with us. In devotion we offer the prayer our Master taught his disciples:
THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 464 Praise to God, Immortal Praise

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 6:25-40
* Gloria Patri
Anthem Come, Let Us Make a Joyful Noise G.F. Handel
(Janell Johnson, Soprano)
(Jim Lawson, Baritone)
THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us pray:
MEDITATION Food for the Soul Dr. Hamilto

THE OFFERING
Offertory Do Not I Love Thee, O My Lord G. Rea

Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
Prayer of Dedication
HE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (in unison) Hymnal, P. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
YMN 328 The Lord is Rich and Merciful

ENEDICTION
Choral Response Nunc Dimittis
Postlude Finale from Symphony No. 1 L. Vierne

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

E HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brafford in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William L. MacLean and Mrs. J. W. Brafford and in honor of Mr. J. W. Brafford.

WELCOME our guest soloists, Janell Johnson and Jim Lawson and are appreciative of their participation in our worship service.

E YOUTH GROUPS meet at the softball field today at 5:00. They will be joined by youth of the Congregational UCC, Exeter, N.H. who will be here for a work camp at the Elon Home for Children.

E STEWARDSHIP/MISSIONARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:30.

HER: July-August Devotional Guides are available in the narthex . . . Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 26, 1983

ZECHARIAH 12:7-10

There are times when the best thing you can do is to hope. Fourth-century Judah may have been such a time. The ecstasy of return from Babylon had changed to agony in Jerusalem. There were failed harvests, raging inflation, and constant enemy attacks. Corrupt officials had blighted temple and palace. But God was there, too. So the prophet saw God act in a time beyond time to rescue Judah. It was a future-focused hope. But it nerved immediate faith and present kindness. God's compassion can do that. It can stir up in us a godlike compassion for others.

PARTICIPATION THROUGH PRAYER

The United Church of Christ has 1.73 million members, but only a fraction of that number will be able to attend the 14th General Synod in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, this week. Even though many of us cannot attend in person, we all can participate through prayer. Just as many of us are gathering for worship in our congregations today, others in our church family are joining in a celebration of prayer, message, and song at the Synod in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Our thoughts and prayers need to be with the more than 700 voting delegates, elected from UCC conferences, who are grappling with spiritual direction, social witness, and rediscovered understandings this week. Our prayers also need to be with the UCC executives, staffs, and visitors who are listening to and learning from the committee reports, adopted budgets, and identified priorities at the Synod.

The delegates will be voting for up to two priorities from these four priorities favored by the majority of polled UCC congregations: Spiritual Renewal, Christian Education, Youth Ministries, Evangelism and Church Growth. The selected priority(ies), like the Peace and Family Life priorities chosen at General Synod 13 in 1981, will then guide our denomination's work for the upcoming four years.

Today, the UCC General Synod 14 needs our prayers—prayers for a refreshed, strengthened, and committed United Church of Christ.

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For freedom Christ has set us free

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Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music
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July 3, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Wayside Impressions in New England
Beneath the Pines, Evening Song Matthews

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Psalm 92
Choral Introit Rejoice, O Land, in God Thy Might
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
God our Father, be present with us now as you have been present for centuries with our forbears. Let our gratitude be as spontaneous as your gifts have been and our promises as trustworthy as your promises have proved to be. Amen.

* Hymn 440 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

THE LIVING WORD
Unison Reading No. 112 p. 540
* The Gloria Patri
Scripture Readings Galatians 5:13-18
Luke 9:51-62

Anthem How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings S. Liddle
(Thomasene Sparks, Soprano)

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory I Vow to Thee, My Country Gustav Holst
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

HE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome

Hymn 447 — O God of Love, O King of Peace

Sermon — Bound to be Free — Dr. Hamilton

DING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 437 — My Country, Tis of Thee

Benediction

Choral Response — God Be With You

Postlude — Variations on "America" (Charles Tuss

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, asking that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeter of the Day is Mr. Bill Blanchard.

E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. A. L. Hook and in honor of Mrs. Hook by Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Alexander.

IS A PLEASURE to have Thomasene Sparks as our guest soloist today. Having grown up in this Church, she and her family will always be a part of our church family.

MONTHLY MEETING of the Board of Deacons has been re-scheduled for next Sunday evening at 7:30.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Thursday evening at 7:30.

PITALIZED: Mr. Bruce Newnam at Memorial.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 3, 1983

GALATIANS 5:1, 13-14

The freedom into which Christ liberates us is not freedom to do whatever we please. It is not escape from the just restraint of civil and moral law. That is a misreading of Paul. Paul was not writing to the Galatians about political liberty. What he had in mind, on its surface, seems a contradiction. The concert pianist who plays with consummate ease and freedom may gain that freedom in "bondage" to "practice, practice, practice." Christian freedom, too, is the fruit of "bondage." It is the joyous result of a disciplined allegiance to Christ's spirit and way.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Never before have there been so many displaced and homeless people on the earth. They flee from fear because their land has become a battlefield; they have dared speak out against injustice because their skin is the wrong color, their language is confounding, or their religion is a threat. The human spirit rebels against the constraints that deny God-given freedom of the spirit.

Most refugees are seeking temporary refuge, hoping for the day when they can return to their native lands. For many, however, there is no possibility of return. The freedom that we know in Christ is the kind of freedom sought. Returning home is very likely to be a re-entry into a life of persecution, imprisonment, and possibly death. These refugees must give up their homes and homelands and put their lives into the hands of strangers.

We Americans know the meaning and preciousness of freedom, and we Christians know a Lord who demonstrates the caring for God's creatures. We are all the children of God and have a special obligation to welcome the stranger and to offer new life. Refugee sponsorship provides a unique personal way of demonstrating our faith and witnessing to the gospel.

—William DuVal

World Relief, Emergency and Resettlement Services Program Agency
United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

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July 10, 1983 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude: Light Divine Willa

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
Loving God, we ask you to pardon the forgetfulness and ingratitude with which we receive our daily blessings. May your Holy Spirit move within while we pray, that our thanksgivings may overflow in happy song and joyful life, to the honor and glory of your name. Amen.
* Hymn 8 Joyful, Joyful We Adore The
THE LIVING WORD
Scripture Readings Isaiah 66:5-
Hosea 11:1-
Anthem O Lord, Most Holy C. Franc
(John Stitt, Tenor)
Unison Reading No. 132 p. 54
* The Gloria Patri
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Improvisation on "Stuttgart" Johnso
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 341 Dear Lord and Father of Mankir
Sermon Father God and Mother God Dr. Hamilto

OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 100 O My Soul, Bless God the Father

Benediction

Choral Response God Be With You

Postlude Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Reger

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edgerton in memory of their parents.

WELCOME Nancy Thomas and John Stitt as our guest musicians today. It is always a pleasure to have them with us.

ROSE is placed on the altar to honor Jefferson Davis Wilkins, III, born July 4 to Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Wilkins.

E BOARD OF DEACONS meets at 7:30 this evening in the Gregory Library.

GHT OF OUR YOUTH and their youth counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Holmes and Mrs. Louis Wilkins, are attending the weekend Youth Festirama on the campus of Elon College.

NANCIAL STATEMENTS of second quarter contributions are available in the narthex.

SPITALIZED: Mrs. A. L. Primm at Memorial.

TICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 10, 1983

ISAIAH 66:10-14

We may be sure about our experience of God, but we are never sure that our words adequately convey God's reality. So we use metaphors. Even so, most of our metaphors for God are masculine—Lord, Shepherd, Father, King—and that is too limiting. Jesus sensed activity in God that, ordinarily though wrongly, we think of as primarily feminine: life-bearing, nurturing, sheltering, unconditionally loving. And Israel's prophet promised hard-pressed and homesick exiles that God would comfort them "as a mother comforts." God our Father, God our Mother: both metaphors apply equally.

CARE FOR THE DYING

Beginning with a gift in 1976 to the New Haven Hospice Center, the first American hospice, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries entered this rapidly-growing movement for a ministry to the dying and bereaved. The gift was made in memory of the late Dr. Robert Moss, second president of the United Church of Christ.

"The main purpose of the hospice movement is to allow the terminally ill to remain at home as long as possible, to provide a support system for families, and to encourage treatment to prevent suffering and pain," says Mrs. Helen Webber, general secretary of the UCBHM Division of Health and Welfare.

Last year, in response to a UCBHM resolution stating that "one of the essential and long-standing ministries of Christians has been to care for the dying and to comfort the bereaved," the UCBHM Division of Health and Welfare began a new Hospice Information Center at its New York office. This Center supports the growth of the hospice movement and serves as a liaison to UCC-related hospice organizations. It is also developing a resource and communications network for UCC persons engaged in hospice care.

The Hospice Information Center is only one of several programs on death and dying related to our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. We support the important work of this Board through our regular gifts to Our Christian World Mission.

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July 17, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Allegro Moderato (Sonate II) J.S. Bach
(Susan Grimley, Flute)

CALL TO WORSHIP Romans 1:16,17

Pastor: The Gospel is the saving power of God for all who have faith. It is the Gospel that God puts people right with himself through faith.

People: As the scripture says, "the person who is put right with God through faith shall live".

Unison: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

CHORAL INTROIT If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 64 All Creatures of Our God and King

SCRIPTURE READINGS Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Luke 10:25-37

ANTHEM My Hope is in the Everlasting J. Stainer
(Lynn Stutts, Soprano)

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Siciliano J.S. Bach

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

:RMON The Rest of the Story Dr. Hamilton

MN 260 The Church's One Foundation

IN MEMORIAM

MISS MARY LEE FOSTER

NOVEMBER 20, 1903 - JULY 12, 1983

MARKS Mrs. Jolene Bray
Board Member
United Church Retirement Home

AYER OF THANKSGIVING Dr. Hamilton

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NEDICTION

Benedictory Response Nunc Dimittis

STLUDE Allegro Maestoso G.F. Handel

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Miss Mary Lee Foster by Miss Margaret Rowland.

WELCOME Susan Grimley and Lynn Stutts as our guest musicians today. The Grimleys are visiting parents Mark and Kate McAdams and we're glad to have the family back in our midst. Lynn has just finished her sophomore year at Meredith College and is home in Burlington for the summer.

PITALIZED: Mrs. A. M. Primm and Dr. Bill Sloan t Memorial.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 17, 1983

LUKE 10:25-37

The lawyer didn't expect the answer he got. He asked whom the commandment obligated him to love. He looked for a technical description: criteria, stipulations, limitations, and an exception or two, all focusing on his own people. After all, hadn't the rabbis taught that aliens and heretics "should be pushed into the ditch and not pulled out?" So the question: "How far do I have to go?" And Jesus didn't even acknowledge it. Instead, Jesus gave the case history of an alien heretic who kept God's commandment by going as far as his neighbor needed.

"ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?"

It isn't easy to forget the horror of the massacre of Palestinian refugees last fall. Mr. Dale Bishop, Middle East regional secretary of our United Church Board for World Ministries, and other UCC persons were in the Beirut offices of the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) during that mid-September crisis.

Because the safety of foreign medical workers could no longer be guaranteed, the International Red Cross asked MECC to provide medical workers for the camp hospitals, says Mr. Bishop, and a nurse was one of six persons to volunteer. She worked most of the night at Gaza Hospital until Major Haddad's men forced her to leave. Marched away and ordered to remove her medical garb, the nurse was sure she was going to be killed.

"Are you a Christian?" the militiaman asked.

"Yes," she answered, but the man argued that no Christian would help the terrorists. The nurse explained that the MECC medical team also cared for Lebanese Christians in need. The militiaman's confusion—plus the timely intervention of an Israeli solider—may have saved her life.

"Because we in the United Church of Christ support the Middle East Council of Churches and its program of relief, rehabilitation, and reconciliation in Lebanon," says Mr. Bishop, "we may have helped to make it possible for this nurse to be a witness for the Christ who suffered and died for all God's children, whatever their politics, whatever their names."

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July 24, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sonata III (Con moto maestoso) Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God's Word is a lamp to our feet, a light along the pathway.

People: He girds us with strength and shows us where to walk.

Unison: The Lord is good; his mercy and kindness endure forever.

Choir: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)

*HYMN 38 Morning Has Broken

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Genesis 18:1-11

New Testament Luke 10:38-42

*THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (all uniting)

ANTHEM Psalm XXIII P. Creston

(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Hymn 242 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

THE OFFERING

Offertory Pavanesque E. Thiman

Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
Prayer of Dedication
ERMON Sisters of the Same Parents Dr. Hamilton

MN 426 The Voice of God Is Calling

NEDICTION
Choral Response God be With You
STLUDE Postlude in F E. Thiman

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in nemory of Dr. Al Noah by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dixon.

E QUARTERLY DINNER MEETING of the Burlington District Men's Fellowship is Thursday evening at 7:00 at Bethlehem Church, Altamahaw. Cars will leave our parking lot at 6:30.

JUNIOR HIGH AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH will be attending a Singing Service featuring the Shine Group this evening at Shiloh United Methodist Church. Cars will leave our parking lot at 6:15.

PITALIZED: Mrs. A. M.Primm at Skilled Nursing ivision of Memorial Hospital.

PASTOR will be on vacation this week. He may be eached in any emergency by calling the Church ffice or Moderator Blanchard.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 24, 1983
LUKE 10:38-42

Did Martha regard Jesus as a distinguished rabbi for whom she must set her best table? That would be understandable. From one perspective, Martha could have been praised for that. But there was another perspective, one Jesus apparently believed more appropriate. He had come to serve, not to be served. So, Martha was to *be* served, not to serve. That comes hard to many of us—to be served—to sit back, wait, listen, receive, learn. Yet, the Best Samaritans may be those who learn how to do it. That could be how they become equipped to serve others.

AN INDIAN CELEBRATION OF LIFE

For 110 years, American Indians in Presbyterian and United Church of Christ congregations have come together for annual "Mission Meetings." A time to renew friendships, worship together under big camp tents, sing hymns in the Dakota Indian language, and generally celebrate life, these "Mission Meetings" hold an important place in the history and life of our denominations.

"The people have maintained extraordinary friendships during the years," says the Reverend Dr. Norman Jackson, a Seneca Indian who is the executive associate to the president of the UCC and was the worship leader at the meeting held in Cherry Creek, South Dakota, last August. "We met on the grounds of the Cherry Creek Church, overlooking the magnificent prairie hills of the Cheyenne River Reservation. Everybody brought a tent and had a lot of fun camping."

Approximately 250 persons, mostly Sioux, took part in the bible study, workshops, and worship last year.

The yearly "Mission Meetings"—a wonderful example of Christian cooperation and commitment—are sponsored by the Dakota Association of the United Church of Christ and the Dakota Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

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July 31, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chant de mai J. Jongen

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34:1-4

Leader: Let us bless the Lord at all times, his praise continually on our lips.

People: Let us exalt his name together, for when we called for his help he answered us.

Choir: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 13 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 127:1

* The Statement of Faith

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:22-25,36-47

ANTHEM Confutatis (The Requiem) G. Verdi

When all are confounded and assigned to eternity, call me among the blessed.

I pray, supplicant and kneeling, my heart contrite as ashes; take into Thy care my ending.

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Prayer for the People

*HYMN 301 Jesus, With Thy Church Abide

E OFFERING

Offertory O Saviour, Hear Me C. Gluck

Congregation Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

Prayer of Dedication

RMON The Function of the Church Rev. J.C. Dollar

MN 217 Lord of All Hopefulness

NEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

STLUDE Antiphon for Organ G. Young

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of all missionaries presently serving with the United Church Board for World Ministries by Louis and Beth Wilkins and family.

ANKS to Rev. J. C. Dollar who is serving as our Guest Minister today. Rev. Dollar is Associate Executive Director of the Elon Home for Children and a member of this congretation.

The Pastor is on vacation this week. He may be reached in any emergency by calling the church office or Moderator Blanchard.

WELCOME Bill Ginn as our guest soloist today. It is always a pleasure to have him as a participant in our service.

RCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week.

Circle 1 with Teenie Burchfield

Circle 2 with Sara White

Circle 3 with Vicki Price

Circle 4 with Frances Longest

Circle 5 with Clara Noah

E CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Griswold upon the death of her sister, Miss Eloise Bryant of Winston-Salem.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 31, 1983
LUKE 11:1-13

The official was indignant. At a news conference, media people had pressed him about the low percentage of U.S.A. gross national product that goes to help upgrade the economy of developing nations. "We are the most generous people on earth," the official protested. "If we are well-off, it is because we work hard. If others want to be well-off, let them work hard!" You left the press conference remembering what once you heard someone say: bread for myself is an economic concern; bread for someone else is a moral concern. Pray always: "Give *us* . . . daily bread."

THE NEED FOR SUCH EFFORTS CONTINUES

"Too much intensity goes into campaigns for them to be standard operating procedure," said the Reverend Paul L. Kittlaus, director of the Washington Office of the United Church of Christ Office for Church in Society. "But campaigns are necessary in extraordinary situations. We are engaged in such an effort now."

That effort, which took place last year, was the Interreligious Emergency Campaign for Economic Justice, chaired by Mr. Kittlaus. The goal of the short-term campaign was to persuade Congress to fund federal budget programs related to jobs, health, food, income support, and housing. The interreligious thrust of the campaign was unmistakable as many different religious agencies, grassroots groups, individuals, and organizers joined their efforts and know-how to convince Congress that the poor have suffered enough.

"Was the effort successful?" asked the Reverend Neill Richards, coordinator of the UCC World Hunger Action Office, which supported the campaign. "The federal support of poverty programs has been cut, but to a lesser degree than was proposed.

"Officially the Emergency Campaign is terminated, but the need for such efforts continues," he says. "The next step is to identify contacts in each Congressional District and in each UCC congregation. If you can serve as a contact, let the Hunger Action Office know. In any case, join the free Network for hunger and peace issues and encourage others to do so."

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August 7, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Now Rejoice, Dear Christians,Together Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: God has given us his Spirit that we may be fruitful in his service.
People: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
Choir: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 97 God of Our Life

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 6:1-15,1
* The Statement of Faith
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 12:13-3

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Prayer for the People
ANTHEM O Divine Redeemer C. Gouno
(Denise Joines, Soprano)
THE OFFERING
Offertory Andante (Sonata in A) Mendelssoh
* Congregational Response-"We Give Thee But Thine Ow
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Partners with God Dr. Danieley

MN 406 Forth in Thy Name

EDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

TLUDE Partita: Christ, Who Art Clear Day Bach

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Dee Atkinson.

ANKS to Dr. J. Earl Danieley who is serving today as our Guest Minister. Dr. Danieley is Thomas E. Powell, Jr. Professor of Chemistry and a deacon of our congregation.

The Pastor and Family are out-of-town on vacation this week. Dr. Hamilton may be reached in any emergency by calling the Church Office or Moderator Blanchard.

CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bunting upon the death of his father, Mr. Maurice Bunting of Scotland Neck, N.C. on July 30th.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet on Thursday evening, August 11, 1983 at 7:30 p.m.

BOARD OF DEACONS meets this evening at 7:30 in the Gregory Library.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 7, 1983

ECCLESIASTES 2:18-23

Grant that money, as Tolstoy wrote, can be "a new form of slavery." And grant the point of the dour meditation from Ecclesiastes: to toil and strain throughout life only to leave the fruit of your labors to somebody who squanders it all is vanity. We know the common wisdom: "No pockets in shrouds" . . . "You can't take it with you" . . . etc. Money vanity. But there also is money sanity. Honestly gotten, wisely regarded, carefully controlled, opportunely used, and generously shared, money can add to human happiness and be an instrument for doing God's will in the world.

A SENSE OF PRIDE IN ZIMBABWE

When we give money to Our Christian World Mission, part of that gift goes toward education in countries overseas. Through the United Church Board for World Ministries, we help to support teachers who encourage young people in other countries to increase their knowledge and expand their vision.

Two missionaries who are trying to do just that are the Reverends Stephen and Elaine McDuff in Zimbabwe, Africa. Teachers at the UCBWM-related Mt. Selinda Institute, the McDuffs write "We've just finished up our second term—a busy term full of progress and exciting changes . . . an expanded teaching staff, a number of new student organizations like the drama club . . ., a much improved religious program, and regular afternoon sports activities all have combined to create a whole new atmosphere at Mt. Selinda.

"Students are cheerful, well-disciplined, enjoying their work in and out of class, and most importantly, there is a new sense of pride and a desire among staff and students to work to continue to build and improve their school. It is truly an exciting time to be in Zimbabwe, to be at Mt. Selinda, and to have the chance to be a part of all that is taking place here."

We in the United Church of Christ help to support many teachers in countries overseas who, like the McDuffs, "rejoice in the opportunity . . . to work with fine young people and hopefully offer some positive encouragement and guidance in their lives."

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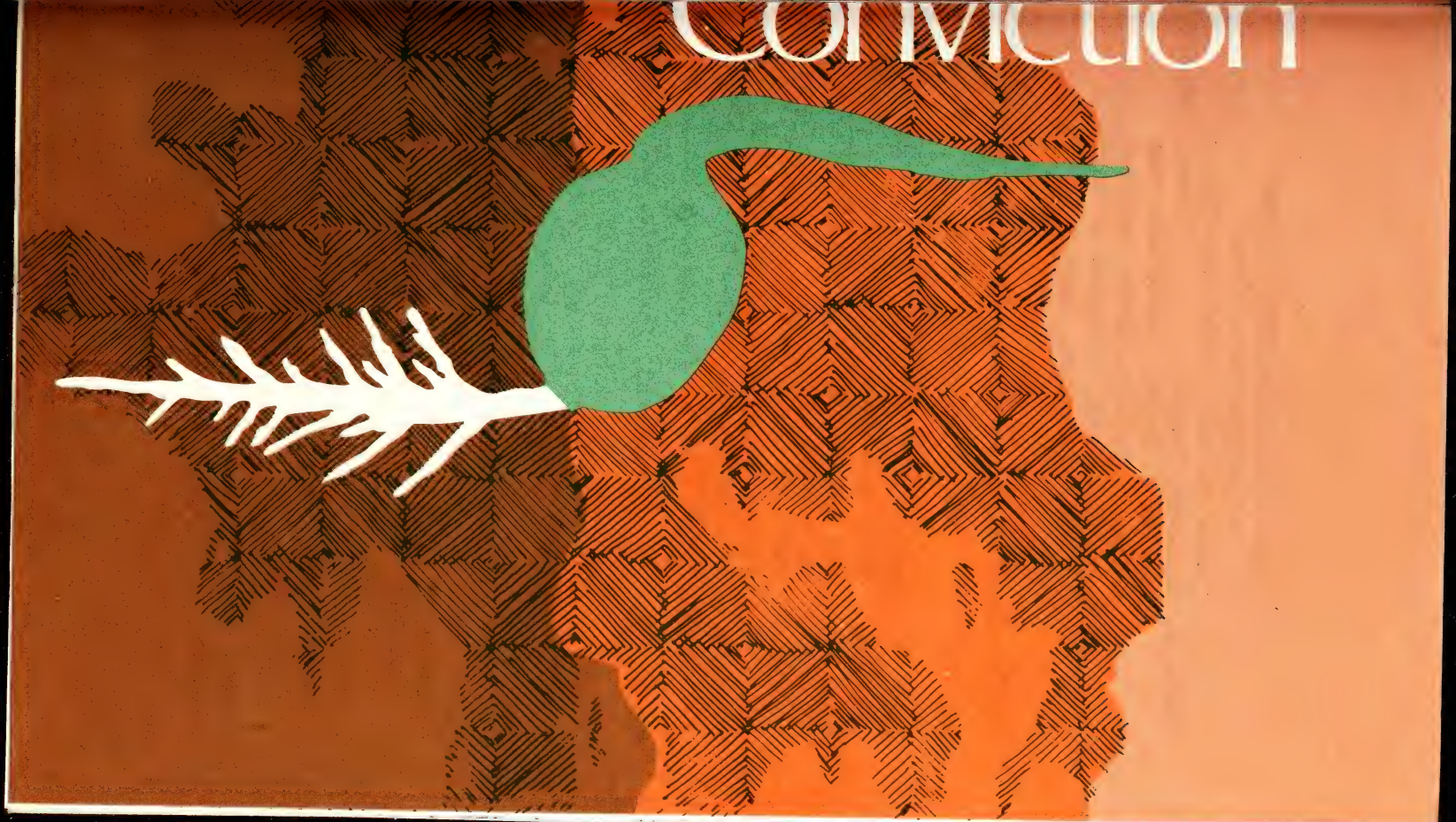

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August 14, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach
(Cris Bragg, Piano)

CALL TO WORSHIP:
Leader: Happy are those who find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord, studying it day and night.
People: They are like trees that grow beside a stream, bearing fruit at the right time.
Choir: If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 7 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12:1-8

* The Statement of Faith

ANTHEM Praise Ye G. Verdi
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
(David Vaughan, Tenor)

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Hymn 245 Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Prayer for the People

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory If Thou Be Near J.S. Bach
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Members of the Body of Christ
Rev. Ervin E. Milton

YMN 481 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

ENEDICTION

Choral Response The Doxology

OSTLUDE Canzona in d minor J.S. Bach

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, asking that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. George Noah and Mr. Jim Lyon.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Maria Parker on her 16th Birthday by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Tim Parker.

ANKS to Rev. Ervin Milton who is serving today as our Guest Minister. Rev. Milton is Associate Conference Minister of the Southern Conference, UCC. Liturgist of the Day is Mr. Kenneth Harper.

Dr. Hamilton is on vacation this week. He may be reached in any emergency by calling the office Secretary or Moderator Blanchard.

WELCOME David Vaughan as one of our guest soloist today. It is always a pleasure to have him participating in our worship service.

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING will be held August 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary to hear a report from the Committee on Church Planning and Renewal. A treat of home made ice cream will follow the meeting.

SPITALIZED: Mrs. A. M. Primm at Memorial.

TICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

DAY: 5:00 Senior High Youth

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 14, 1983

HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-12

Conviction is the state of being convinced or persuaded. The writer of Hebrews wanted to inspire it in Christians who were hard-pressed to abandon faith. Citing Abraham and Sarah was important. They had acted ahead of conviction. Living in wilds, they looked for a city they were never to reach. Promised a child, to be seed for a nation numerous as stars, Sarah laughed. But Abraham hung on God's promises and Sarah bore Isaac (the name means "laughter"). Always, what they hoped for lay ahead. But they clung to conviction that already it was real. And it was.

MISSION AT THE WORLD'S FAIR

When the calls started coming in January of last year, the Reverend John R. Lackey knew his Knoxville United Church of Christ congregation had to make some decisions soon about possible lodging for UCC youth groups hoping to attend the World's Fair that summer. The members of the congregation then decided to welcome as many UCC visitors as they could accommodate at their Church of the Savior (UCC) in Knoxville, Tennessee.

"Everyone was for this as a mission of the church," said Mr. Lackey. He hoped that the congregation's hospitality would help to counteract the bad reputation that Knoxville residents were out to make a big profit on tourists. To the contrary, "there were many generous hosts in Knoxville," he said.

Perhaps none were so generous as his Church of the Savior, though, which charged one dollar per person per night. Because the church could only accommodate up to twenty-five persons at a time, he had to turn away many groups, Mr. Lackey said. But twenty-five youth groups did make use of the church's facilities throughout the summer. "They came from about a dozen states, mostly from Ohio, but some as far away as Missouri and Wisconsin," he said.

"One of the joyous things about it are the letters," Mr. Lackey said. One that he received particularly reflected a changed notion of the meaning of "mission." "It occurs to me that the mission of the church can have many expressions," wrote Richard Simonson of Christ Church, Maplewood, Missouri, "many expressions in ways we never thought about."

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Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music
David Harper, Acolyte

August 21, 1983 11:00 a.m.

THE PRELUDE Pasticcio J. Langlais

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made.
People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.
Choir: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

*THE HYMN #363 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

THE PRAYER OF GENERAL CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty and most merciful God; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to the promises which you declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Kings 18:20-21

AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

E NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 7:15-25

E HYMN Amazing Grace

E SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Prayer for the People
E ANTHEM Great Thou Art

OFFERING
Offertory Sinfonia J.S. Bach
Congregational Response "We Give Thee but Thine Own"
Prayer of Dedication

SERMON The Impossible Translation
Rev. William G. Long

HYMN #29 Now Thank We All Our God

BENEDICTION
he Congregational Response The Doxology

POSTLUDE Fugue in g minor J.S. Bach

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in emory of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Howard and Mr. and rs. M. C. Dean by Mr. and Mrs. Connie Howard.

NKS to Rev. William G. Long who is serving as our iest Minister. Rev. Long is Dean of Student Affairs Elon College and a member of our congregation. r. Hamilton will return from vacation on Wednesday.

GRATULATIONS to Ron Dalton and Ann Melvin whose ervice of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

ONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING will be held 28 at 7:p.m. in the Sanctuary. A treat of home ice cream will follow the meeting.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 21, 1983

HEBREWS 12:1-6

Surrounded by witnesses. Martin Niemoeller flinging at the state a defiant, "Not you, Herr Hitler, but God is my Fuhrer!" Dorothy Day, for a half-century, feeding, clothing, and sheltering the poor and caring for prisoners. Will Campbell, pioneer in the cause of Southern blacks against racism, pastoring folk of the Ku Klux Klan who had become despised and lowly. Martin Luther King, Jr., dreaming of Christian justice in a land of pagan hate. Dr. Maybel Arole and her physician-husband taking medical service to impoverished villages in India and developing a health-care model for the world's poor. Witnesses!

COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL THROUGH CABLE

One-quarter of all television viewers now receive it, and the majority will have it in their homes within the next five years. "It," of course, is cable, and churches across the country are now beginning to realize cable's potential for religious programming.

Some churches, including many congregations of the United Church of Christ, are using cable to broadcast live worship services, and others are focusing on regional and local religious news. "Cable is making it possible for us to do things we've never done before," says one pastor in Dayton, Ohio. This includes producing religious programs that are "counter-programs" to those of the right-wing evangelists, he says.

Another clergyperson noticed the lack of black worship programs on television, and decided to use cable in "a ministry that deals specifically with black religious experience."

The church people producing cable programs generally aren't media professioals, and the television shows often aren't quite as polished as commercial broadcasts—but the strong message of good news is loud and clear. As one pastor says, "Cable is a sharing process, and that's what the church is all about."

This message is prepared for joint use by the Presbyterian Church, U.S., the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and the United Church of Christ.

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August 28, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Fugue in C Major G.F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Friends, let us worship God.
People: Always he invites us to accept his love, to live his life, to be both comforted and excited by his hope. He invites us now to this worship.
Choir: "God of Glory, We Adore Thee" G. Martin

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
*HYMN 251 Holy, Holy, Holy

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE
New Testament Hebrews 12:7-14
Luke 13:22-30

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
ANTHEM Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God G.F. Handel

CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 418 O Master Let Me Walk With Thee
THE OFFERING
Offertory A Flemish Prayer A. Maekelberghe
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

RMON The Intangible Difference Dr. Hamilton

MN 93 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

NEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

STLUDE Fantasie in A Major C. Francklin

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CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us oday. Especially we greet and welcome the players nd coaches of the 1983 Fighting Christians of Elon ollege. Greeters of the Day are Mr. T. L. Smith nd Mrs. Beth Wilkins.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by r. and Mrs. Wayne Bunting, Chris and Greg in emory of their father and grandfather, Mr. Maurice unting.

ONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held this evening at :00 to consider and act on the goals presented by he Church Planning for Renewal Committee. Home - ade ice cream will follow at 7:30.

MOTION SUNDAY was held in our church school this orning. Classes are held each Sunday at 9:45 for hildren, youth, young adults, the Seekers' Class, nd the Adult Bible Class. You are invited to attend.

ADULT CHOIR has resumed its regular rehearsal chedule on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Join us for ellowship and singing. New members are always elcome.

STEWARDSHIP/MISSIONARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets hirsday evening at 7:00 in the Gregory Library.

IES of The Conference News and Daily Devotional uides are available in the narthex.

ER: Our Services each Sunday are broadcast over adio Station WSOE, 89.3 FM . . . Articles for The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 28, 1983

HEBREWS 12:7-13

Someone else may need discipline—children, soldiers, athletes, concert artists—but we resist it for ourselves. Discipline is arduous, limiting, and inconvenient. Yet, undisciplined life can end in immaturity, mediocrity, even in chaos, whereas discipline can bear fruit in maturity, mastery, and moral power. A New Testament writer saw in the discipline that first-century Christians endured a sign of Christ's cross and God's love. It may have been a nuisance, perhaps a painful burden. But in the end, it would yield "the peaceful harvest of an honest life."

BASIC HEALTH CARE TO ALL

Community health care, with its emphasis on preventive care, is now the basis of a rapidly-growing health movement in India. And several of the missionaries we help to support through our United Church of Christ are spearheading such health efforts!

Two of these missionaries are Ronald and Edith Seaton, who have spent many years ministering to the people throughout India. About a year ago they moved to Nagpur in Maharashtra, India, which is the center of the country and of the Church of North India.

"Mure Memorial Hospital . . . is now under the Church of North India," they write. "For about ten days a month Ron is there helping to develop the surgical department by putting an unsanitary and poorly equipped operating room into safe condition . . . .

"The rest of Ron's time is still spent in community health consultations all over Maharashtra, and now in the neighboring states as well. It was encouraging to find all the previously started programs in the western part of the state still going forward . . . Even more encouraging is the fact that this kind of community health program has become the priority of the government, and instead of swimming against the current, we are now in the position of helping others to go along with it—with the goal of making basic health care available to all by the year 2000."

We support overseas missionaries like the Seatons through our regular gifts to Our Christian World Mission.

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IN MEMORIAM

THE REVEREND DR. CLYDE LEE FIELDS, SR.

Two O'clock
August 27, 1983
Elon College Community Church
Elon College, North Carolina

PRELUDE OF SACRED MUSIC

WORDS OF GRACE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 22 — We Praise Thee, O God

RESPONSIVE READING

Minister: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
People: We praise God for the Good world which he has created.
Minister: Praise him all creatures here below!
People: We praise God for the good gift of life.
Minister: Praise him above, ye heavenly host!
People: We praise God for all who have kept the faith, finished the course, and now are at peace with him.
Minister: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
People: We praise God for the life, love, and labors of Dr. Clyde L. Fields.
Minister: This is the day the Lord has made.
People: We celebrate this day our certain hope of the resurrection unto eternal life.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS — Psalm 139:1-1
Exodus 3:1-

ANTHEM — The King of Love My Shepherd I

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS — I Corinthians 15:1-1
Romans 8:16-18,28,31-35,37-3

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — The Statement of Fait

MEDITATION — A Second Chanc

PRAYER

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 306 — For All the Saint

The Service of Worship will continue at the Magnolia Cemetery.

THE REVEREND DR. CLYDE LEE FIELDS, SR.

ORN: January 8, 1913

INISTERIAL STANDING:
The Eastern North Carolina Association
of The Southern Conference
of The United Church of Christ

URCH MEMBERSHIP: The Elon College Community Church

RRIED: Mrs. Bertie Stone Fields
November 24, 1932

N: Mr. Clyde Lee Fields, Jr.

ANDSONS: Mr. Brenton Lennis Fields
Mr. Bradley Harris Fields

EAT GRANDSON: Mr. Benjamin Taylor Fields

ED: August 25, 1983

TERMENT: Magnolia Cemetery,
Elon College, North Carolina

ISTRY OF MUSIC
rs. Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music/Organist
lon College Community Church

rs. Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano
lon College Community Church

ISTRY OF THE WORD
r. H. Winfred Bray, Pastor
First Christian United Church of Christ
Burlington, North Carolina
r. Rollin O. Russell, Conference Minister
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September 4, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE A Mighty Fortress is Our God arr. Innes
(Cris Bragg, Piano)

THE SHARING OF CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS
Children's Message

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Friends, let us worship God.
People: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test my thoughts. Point out anything in me that makes you sad. And lead us all along the path of everlasting life.
Choir: "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)

*HYMN 66 For the Beauty of the Earth

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE
New Testament Hebrews 12:15-25
Luke 14:1,7-14

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

ANTHEM A Blessing N. Sleeth
(David Bragg, Flute)

THE OFFERING
Offertory Prelude in b minor C. Franck
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 240 Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

RMON They Watched Him Dr. Hamilton

MN 327 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

NEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

STLUDE Antiphon No. II G. Young

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ALTAR ARRANGEMENT is given to the Glory of God by the David Bragg Family in memory of their fathers.

DAY: 4:00 Elon College Parents' Meeting in Sanctuary
5:00 Youth Groups
7:30 Women's Fellowship Executive Board
7:30 Board of Deacons

TH of the Middle Hi and Senior Hi Fellowships meet t 5:00 today at the home of Vicki Holmes. Alan oung will share his experiences in the Outward Bound.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Thursday vening at 7:00.

UESTS for Church Budget items by any of our committees should be submitted to Finance Committee Chairan, Wayne Bunting by September 15.

ASE PROVIDE the office secretary names and addresses f students away at college.

ER: The September Conference News is available in he narthex . . . Our Sunday Services are broadcast ver Radio Station WSOE, 89.3 FM . . . Mrs. A. M. rimm, Sr. is a patient at Memorial Hospital killed Nursing Division.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 4, 1983

LUKE 14:1, 7-14

Many people who "make it" want their status noticed. They want to be catered to by doormen, clerks, nurses—even friends. From headwaiters and hosts, they expect preferential treatment: a table by the window or a seat near honored guests—if, in fact, they are not themselves the honored guests. That is why people watched Jesus with swiveling eyes. He wouldn't observe their protocol. He associated with poor, sick, and second-rate people. That offended the in-group's sense of importance. Jesus set tables in reverse. And he had the audacity to say that God does, too.

"HIS EYES SHONE WITH HAPPINESS"

"Nagarajan was the darling of the hospital, a fascinating little five-year-old who wandered into the midst of the staff and patients in our 1200-bed hospital," writes Dr. Pauline King, United Church of Christ missionary in Tamil Nadu, India. "He told the chaplain . . . that his father had left his mother . . . [and that] his mother did not stay long in one place. After several weeks, the chaplain requested us to take Nagarajan in at our Family Village Farm."

After six months, Nagarajan's mother suddenly turned up to see him at the Farm, Dr. King writes. ". . . when she saw how happy Nagarajan was and that he was attending school, she requested that the little brother also be taken."

"Nagarajan's eyes shone with happiness," she writes. "Yes we will give his little brother a home also—how could we do otherwise?"

Nagarajan and his brother are only two of the many abandoned children and elderly persons finding hope and healing at the Family Village Farm. We support the important ministry of Dr. Pauline King, and many other UCC missionaries in India, through our gifts to Our Christian World Mission.

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September 11, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit D. Buxtehude

THE SHARING OF CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS
Children's Message

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Friends, let us worship God.
People: It is a new day in a new week. Let us use this hour to honor God, asking his help to make us fit for the days ahead.
Choir: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)

*HYMN 1 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE
New Testament Philemon 4-14
Luke 14:25-33

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

ANTHEM Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord F. Mendelssohn

THE OFFERING
Offertory Fairest Lord Jesus D. Hegarty
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 225 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

SERMON Discipleship Dr. Hamilton

N 260 The Church's One Foundation

EDICTION

ongregational Response The Doxology

TLUDE Maestoso in e minor J. S. Bach

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in nor of Mr. and Mrs. Brian James Summey whose marriage s solemnized yesterday and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Mark McAdams by Mrs. Lois M. Bost.

ELCOME Nancy Thomas as our guest organist today. is always a pleasure to have her share in our worip service.

Y: 6:00 The Youth Groups and their families will hold a cook-out and games in the Church yard. Special guest will be Miss Tyre Ross.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Quarterly Meeting is tomorrow ening at 7:30 in the Updyke Choral Center. The ogram theme is "Who do you say that I am?" led by role Blake, Vicki Holmes, and Beth Wilkins. All e women are urged to attend.

CUB SCOUT DENS meet Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the urch classrooms.

SE PROVIDE the office secretary names and addresses students away at college.

: The September Conference News is available in narthex . . . Our Sunday Services are broadcast r Radio Station WSOE, 89.3 FM . . . Mrs. A. M. mm, Sr. is a patient at Memorial Hospital Skilled sing Division . . . Articles for "The Torch" are tomorrow morning.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 11, 1983

LUKE 14:25-33

In a Midwest cornfield stands an unfinished castle: two turrets, a gate, a drawbridge. People call it "The Folly." With splendid plans, a rich man had set out to build the castle. But when costs got high, he abandoned the project and moved into a shack. Christian life is deceptive. We make it cheap: believe what you want, live as you wish—you are entitled to your own opinion and way. Join a church. Sign a pledge card. Attend now and then. That's about it. Cheap grace. But it won't do! Jesus said that only costly love is enough—and he showed what that means.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: SHARED APPROACHES

As we begin a new season in our church schools, we note that this year marks the fifth year of *Christian Education: Shared Approaches,* four different approaches that provide a variety of curriculum resources for congregational study. During this time there have been some new and exciting changes and additions.

A new Children's Bible Series is being introduced this fall. It is part of the *Knowing the Word* Approach. These resources are Bible-based and the goal is to help children grow in their relationships with God and to respond as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. A special feature of the Children's Bible Series is a set of broadly graded materials for use in congregations where there are small numbers of elementary-age children who meet for church school.

Living the Word Approach has undergone several changes, based on evaluations from users. Some courses have been improved; others have been entirely replaced. *Interpreting the Word* Approach will have a new look in 1984, and *Doing the Word* Approach continues to provide materials for exploring two issues each year.

Teacher Education Events are held in fourteen regions of the United States. These events are under the sponsorship of Joint Educational Development, a cooperative of twelve Protestant denominations, including the United Church of Christ. The purpose of these events is to assist teachers in using the resources provided to our churches in *Christian Education: Shared Approaches.*

Mary Jean McFayden
Presbyterian Church, U.S.

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Tyra Ross, Associate in Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Jennifer Blake, Acolyte

September 18, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Adagio Cantabile C.M. Widor

THE SHARING OF CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS
Children's Message
CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Friends, let us worship God.
People: In worship we open our ears to hear the living Word, our mouths to pray and praise, and our hands in service to the Master of us all.
Choir: "God of Glory, We Adore Thee"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
*HYMN 228 Love Divine

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE
New Testament I Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
ANTHEM O The Blessedness Is Great J.C. Bechler

THE OFFERING
Offertory Rhosymedre R. Vaughan Williams
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Hymn 400 More Love to Thee

RMON Go For the Lost Dr. Hamilton

MN 80 The King of Love (1-3)

NEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

STLUDE Litany A. Schreider

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Walter C. Perry, Jr. by Mrs. Walter C. Perry, Jr. and Family.

DAY: 3:00 Adult Bible Class and guests meet in Updyke Choral Center.

5:30 Middle Hi and Senior Hi Youth meet in Youth Room.

FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Updyke Choral Center for a "Catch-Up Day" of news and events in the church, the town, and the lives of friends and neighbors.

R OF OUR KEY YOUTH with Mr. Louis Wilkins and Miss Kyra Ross are attending a Youth Leaders' Workshop at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds this weekend.

ILY NIGHT covered-dish dinner is next Sunday evening at 6:00. The program will be "Neighbors in Need" and has been planned by the Stewardship/Missionary Education Committee. Our special offering for Neighbors in Need will be October 2.

1983 CROP WALK/RUN will be October 2. Registration is at the front of Williams High School at 12:30 and the Walk/Run will begin at 2:00.

PITALIZED: Mrs. A. M. Primm at Memorial Skilled Nursing Division.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 18, 1983

LUKE 15:1-32

Chuckling maybe, the cosmonauts who returned from outer space said they didn't see God out there. Of course they didn't. Who ever thought they would? No one has ever "seen" God! For this very reason, Jesus speaks in parables—uses metaphors and similes—to tell about the ways of God. God, Jesus says, is like a man searching for a single lost sheep. God, he reminds us, is like a woman ransacking her house for a single coin until she finds it. Jesus describes the unseeable, the invisible God in human terms.

"WITHOUT MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP"

For a small group of churches in our United Church of Christ, the following phrases are only too familiar: "At the present time, the church is without ministerial leadership except for occasional services by visiting ministers and services conducted by the people themselves." "With only occasional services by clergy and the leadership of an Episcopal lay leader, the church continues to function as best it can." "This is one of the smaller churches . . . and is served by a part-time lay minister."

Where are these churches in such desperate need of leadership? In North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. What else do they have in common? They are all American Indian churches in our denomination.

Helping American Indian churches receive the leadership they need is one of the major responsibilities of the UCC Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). CAIM helps these often-isolated churches to cope with leadership shortages and works with American Indian students interested in theological education—thus helping to ensure the American Indian leadership of the future.

We can help CAIM nurture and strengthen these churches through an offering that will be taken soon in many UCC congregations—the Neighbors in Need offering. Please give generously!

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there is one God there is one mediator there is one mediator

CHRIST JESUS

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September 25, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt Sweelinck

THE SHARING OF CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS
Children's Message
CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Friends, let us worship God.
People: God is our refuge and strength forever.
Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in the sight of our Strength and Redeemer.
Choir: "Lead Me, Lord"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
*HYMN 64 All Creatures of Our God and King

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Psalm 139
New Testament I Timothy 2:1-8
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
ANTHEM The Gift of Love arr. H. Hopson

THE OFFERING
Offertory Intermezzo R. Purvis
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Hymn 227 Fairest Lord Jesus

ERMON Prayer's A, B, and C Dr. Hamilton

YMN 346 Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

ENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

OSTLUDE Canzona in d minor J.S. Bach

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, asking that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeter of the Day is Col. Dariel Burchfield.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Waverly Hughes.

ODAY: 4:30 Both Youth Groups
6:00 Family Night
7:00 Music Committee

HE MIDDLE HI AND SENIOR HI YOUTH meet at 4:30 in the Youth Room and will remain for the Family Night at 6:00.

AMILY NIGHT, planned for this evening at 6:00 by the Stewardship/Missionary Education Committee, is a covered-dish supper. The program will be on "Neighbors in Need" for which we will receive our special offering next sunday.

HE 1983 CROP WALK/RUN will be October 2. Registration is at the front of Williams High School at 12:30 and the Walk/Run will begin at 2:00.

ONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Shutt and grandparents Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Danieley upon the birth of Jonathan Mark Shutt on September 22 in Charlotte.

HE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Mrs. Blanche D. Hayes of Orlando, Florida on September 20, 1983.

THER: The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday . . . Mrs. A.M. Primm is a patient at Memorial Hospital Skilled Nursing Division . . . Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 25, 1983

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-18

God intends that all people know the truth about Jesus, the world, themselves, and God. Paul had that conviction and sensed the call to be a teacher "in faith and truth." Today, our churches are called to teach children and young people and, also, people in mid-life and mature adulthood. This means that, no matter how far along in life, every one of us has the responsibility to actively seek knowledge of the truth that God discloses in Jesus' life and teachings and the experience of faithful disciples of Christ.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Every time we pick up a newspaper the headlines tell us about despair—the despair of persons in need in our country. Especially in these times of unemployment and reduced social-service programs, we in the United Church of Christ must respond to these neighbors. And we can, through the annual Neighbors in Need all-church offering of our denomination!

The neighbors we have helped in the past through this offering have included elderly persons in Massachusetts, unemployed youth in Texas, American Indian pastors in Minnesota and the Dakotas, and teenage mothers in California.

This year, we are asked to give generously to the Neighbors in Need offering so that our neighbors may be aided through these programs:

- Economic Justice for Family Farmers
- Peacemaking Ministries for Our Communities
- Leadership Development within Immigrant Communities
- Action Against Toxic Pollution in Poor Communities
- Ministries in Hospice Care
- Mission to the Disinherited of Our Cities
- Ministries for American Indians

Remember our neighbors with a generous gift to the Neighbors in Need offering!

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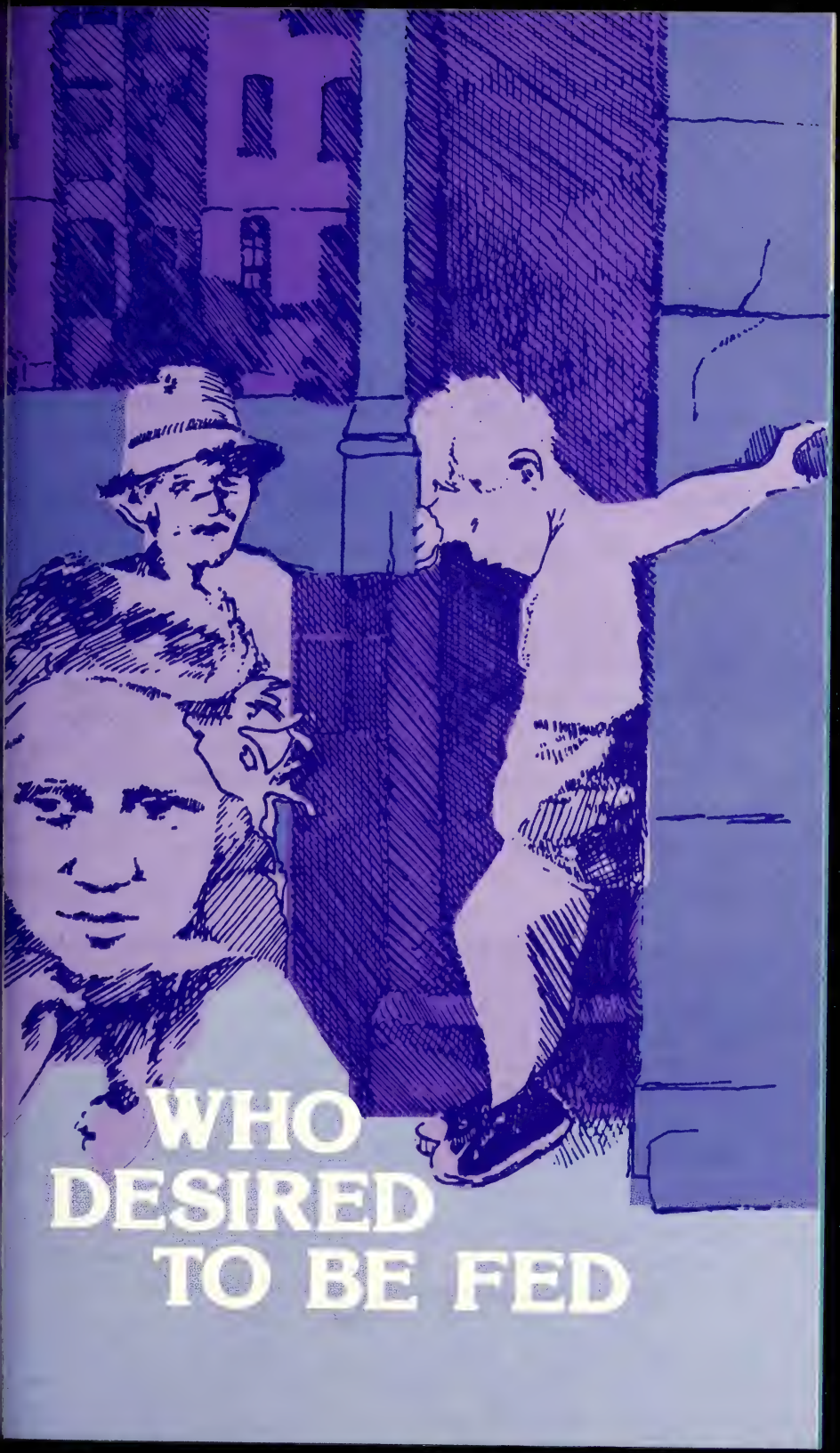

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October 2, 1983 Communion Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Thou Splendor and Power M. Dupre

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Here, O My Lord, I See Thee
UNISON PRAYER
O Lord our God, as a company of seekers, we are grateful for these moments to turn our thoughts from ourselves to your presence with us. In devotion we offer the prayer our Master taught his disciples:
THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 35 When Morning Gilds the Skies

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 16:19-31
* Gloria Patri
Anthem Ave Verum Corpus W. A. Mozart
THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us pray:
MEDITATION The Rich, the Poor, and the Searching
Dr. Hamilton

THE OFFERING
Offertory Christe, du Lamm Cottes S. Karg-Elert
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

Prayer of Dedication
HE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (in unison) Hymnal, P. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
YMN 272 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ENEDICTION
Choral Response The Doxology
Postlude Voluntary in C W. Boyce

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

HE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. James W. Lyon in memory of their parents, Mr. G. Dudley Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Lyon.

ODAY: 12:30 Registration for Crop Walk
7:30 Board of Deacons

IRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week, as announced in "The Torch".

HE FINANCE COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:00.

JR SPECIAL OFFERING for "Neighbors in Need" is received today. Additional envelopes are on the narthex table.

AITY SUNDAY will be celebrated here October 9.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 2, 1983

LUKE 16:19-31

People get hungry for three kinds of food. There is hunger for physical bread. Jesus told about a poor man, Lazarus, starving at a rich man's gate, in the same way that one-fourth of the world's people starve today. There is hunger for love such as Jesus showed Zacchaeus, who climbed a tree to see Jesus. There is hunger for truth, the kind of truth Jesus taught and embodied. God offers us all three kinds of food. In God's offer is also God's demand that we share this food with other people who hunger in body, heart, and mind the same way we do.

"AID TO CHILDREN OF WANT"

The testimony of five pediatricians before the Senate Subcommittee on Employment, Manpower, and Poverty left many in shock a decade ago when they reported: "We do not want to quibble over words, but malnutrition is not quite what we found; the boys and girls we saw were hungry—weak, in pain, sick, their lives being shortened; they are visibly and predictably losing their health, their energy, their spirits."

These doctors were not describing the conditions in some poor, remote country overseas, but rather were reporting their findings from the rural South in this country where they had examined over two thousand children. Today, there are tens of millions of "children in want" throughout our United States.

Through our past gifts to the Neighbors in Need offering, we in the United Church of Christ are addressing the causes of poverty, hunger, and malnutrition among children in our nation. Through a program called "Aid to Children of Want," administered by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, we are reaching out to black children in Florida, Indian children on reservations throughout Minnesota and the Dakotas, and many other hungry children in the U.S.

Today many congregations in the UCC will be receiving the Neighbors in Need offering in order to benefit other neighbors in our country. Please give generously!

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October 9, 1983 Laity Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Soul Adorn Thyself with Gladness J. Brahms

THE SHARING OF CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS
Children's Message Miss Ross
A COLLECT FOR THE DAY Mr. Blanchard
Since you have made a solemn agreement with your people, Eternal God, look with approval upon us and be our guide and strength, that we may be found faithful in the fulfillment of your promises and realization of your claims; through Jesus Christ. Amen.
CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Let us lift our hearts with our voices to God, who is our Strength and Redeemer.
People: We come to praise God.
Choir: "We Thank Thee, Lord, Thy Paths of Service"
*HYMN OF ADORATION 21 We Gather Together

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mrs. Pendergrass

SENTENCES OF PRAISE Dr. J. Wilkins
Leader: Thanks be to God who in Jesus Christ leads us in triumph.
People: Thanks be to God who through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere.
Responsive Reading Number 103 p. 536
* The Gloria Patri

OUR WEEKS of Bible Study begin this week. The sessions will be on Thursday evenings at 7:00 in the Updyke Choral Center. This week's study of Elijah will be led by Dr. William Andes.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow our Service of Worship next Sunday. The question to be addressed is: "Should the Finance Committee include in its budget proposal for the second half of 1984 a line item for a full-time staff person in Christian Education?".

RTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

THE ANTHEM

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when
humbly, in thy name, two or three
are met together, Thou Art in the
midst of them: Alleluya! Touch we
now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in
the name of Christ to sup, then with
thanks to God the Father, break the bread
and bless the cup, Alleluya! So knit thou
our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living, make
as sacraments of thee, that by caring,
helping, giving, we may true disciples be,
Alleluya! We will service Thee faithfully.

CRIPTURE READINGS II Timothy 1:3-12 Miss Gerlach
Luke 17:5-10

NTHEM Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether H. Friedell

RAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Mr. L. Wilkins

FFERTORY Adagio in C A. Marcello
Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
MN 381 My Faith It Is An Oaken Staff

ERMON Lay Persons + Commitment = Laity Dr. Danieley

AYER OF THANKSGIVING Mrs. Scott
Prayer of Our Savior
N 8 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

NEDICTION Dr. Hamilton
Congregational Response The Doxology
STLUDE Rigaudon A. Campra

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. Allen Hunter and Richard Allen Hunter by Dorothy Hunter Walker and Marjorie Hunter.

R LAITY SUNDAY Leaders in Worship are: Mr. Bill Blanchard, Miss Tyra Ross, Mrs. Jackie Pendergrass, Dr. Jeff Wilkins, Miss Joanne Gerlach, Mr. Louis Wilkins, Dr. J. E. Danieley, and Mrs. Della Scott.

DAY: 4:30 - 6:00 Middle Hi Youth
5:30 - 7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Christian Education Committee

E E.N.C. ASSOCIATION meets Wednesday at Beavers Chapel UCC, Zebulon, N. C.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 9, 1983

HABAKKUK 1:1-3; 2:1-4

If God told somebody to "write the vision," we'd better read it! In Habakkuk's day, the vision loomed above corruption, misrule, and military threat to Israel's existence. It was a hard vision: swift judgment and slow rescue. It called for patience and faithfulness. Such vision is vital in this day of oppressed poor, a poisoned planet, and nuclear threat—a day when God seems gone from the world. It is critical that we read and grasp the Bible's vision of God's sure, if slow, vindication of faithful life in a chaotic age.

SURVIVAL THROUGH SERVICE

The story is not a new one: many United Church of Christ congregations with fewer than 100 members are struggling to survive declining membership rolls. But this struggle has an interesting twist in the case of the Congregational UCC in Fort Pierre, South Dakota.

"In an attempt to move the congregation from the inner struggle for survival to increased outreach (survival through service in the name of Christ our Lord), the diaconate explored ways to present the needs of the community to the congregation," says the Rev. Patricia E. Miller, pastor of Congregational UCC. "One method was to make use of the already existing monthly potluck dinners as a forum to invite community leaders to come and talk with us."

Since the fall of 1980, then, many community leaders have met with the UCC members—and helped them to move toward "survival through service."

"The greatest impact on the congregation has been awareness . . . translated into action," says Ms. Miller. "It is difficult to measure the impact, except to know that the seeds have been planted for reflection and action, which will lead us back into the life of the community with the Good News of Christ's love."

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October 16, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Voluntary in a minor W. Boyce

THE SHARING OF CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS
Children's Message
CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Friends, let us worship God.
People: The saying is sure: if we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him.
Choir: "Summer Ended, Harvest O'er"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
*HYMN 13 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE
New Testament II Timothy 2:8-19
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
ANTHEM The King of Love My Shepherd Is H.R. Shelley
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)

THE OFFERING
Offertory Air (Suite in D) J.S. Bach
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
SERMON Counsel to Christians Dr. Hamilton

*HYMN 397 Lord, Speak to Me

ONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

OSTLUDE Our God, Our Help in Ages Past G.T. Miles

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Martin Shotzberger.

DAY: 4:30-6:00 Middle Hi Youth
5:30-7:00 Senior Hi Youth

E CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held at the conclusion of our Service of Worship.

E FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Updyke Choral Center.

E WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES continue Thursday evening at 7:00. This week's study of Ruth will be led by Dr. Hamilton.

E FINANCE COMMITTEE meets Thursday evening at 7:00 in the Gregory Library.

R YOUTH are sponsoring a Car Wash Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the south parking lot.

EASE SECURE from the narthex your envelope containing the statement of your third quarter contributions.

NGRATULATIONS to Amy Daniel and Earl W. Vickers III whose Service of Marriage was celebrated Oct. 7.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 16, 1983

II TIMOTHY 2:8-13

Jailed in Rome, Paul wore chains. But chains do not fetter God's word. There are chains we try to put on it: self-imposed restraints when honest gospel witness can get us in trouble. The Danish Christian, Kierkegaard, has a story about wild geese who land in a farmyard. For a while, they flap their wings and call loudly when other geese fly above. But they do not fly. In time, their wings grow weak and they can no longer fly. They bear self-imposed restraints. The gospel overcomes all attempts to muzzle it and breaks every restraint we put on God's word.

WORLD ORDER SUNDAY

This Sunday, many congregations in our denomination are observing World Order Sunday, a day devoted to the Christian hope for a peaceable world community of nations. Why this Sunday? October 24th is the anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations, and many churches choose the Sunday closest to this date to celebrate the founding of this great international organization in 1945.

Several groups in the United Church of Christ are allowed access to the United Nations as non-governmental organizations (NGO's); these groups within our denomination keep us informed about the work of the United Nations—especially with regard to peace.

"The highlight of last year was the Second Special Session of the General Assembly on Disarmament," says Ms. Hazel Johns, our United Church Board for World Ministries consultant on the United Nations and on Development. "Although there was little substantive progress, it was nevertheless a positive sign that the majority of States came out of the session against the concepts of the possibility of a nuclear war."

We in the UCC join our brothers and sisters of the whole human family today in praying for world peace, and praying for more "positive signs" in the workings of the United Nations this year.

(This message is prepared for joint use by the Presbyterian Church, U.S., the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and the United Church of Christ.)

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October 23, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Blessed Jesus, We Are Here J.S. Bach

THE SHARING OF CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS
Children's Message
CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Friends, let us worship God.
People: The Psalmist asks and answers the question: "From Whence does my help come?". "Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth."
Choir: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
*HYMN 372 How Firm a Foundation

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE
New Testament II Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
ANTHEM Suffer the Little Children R. Hausman
(Janell Johnson, Soprano)
THE OFFERING
Offertory O Welt, ich muss dich lassen J. Brahms
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
HYMN 234 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

:RMON Prevailing Dr. Hamilton

'MN 371 He Who Would Valiant Be

NEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

STLUDE Allegro in F Major J.S. Bach

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Marion C. Liscum and John W. Barney, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Liscum and children.

WELCOME Nancy Thomas and Janell Johnson as our guest musicians today.

DAY: 4:30-6:00 Middle Hi Youth
5:30-7:00 Senior Hi Youth

SCOUT PACK 51 meets Tuesday evening at 7:00 for their monthly Pack Meeting and Annual cake auction.

E WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES continue Thursday evening at 7:00. This week's study of Luke will be led by Miss Ross.

CHURCH will be host to the District Men's Fellowship Thursday evening in the Parish House. President Underhill invites all our men to attend and assist. The meal begins at 7:00.

YOUTH CHORE CORPS is available to serve the membership by raking leaves, running errands, etc. This week contact John Barbee (584-1220) or Joanne Erlach (584-2616).

CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Longest and Family upon the death of Giles W. Longest on October 17 . . . and to Judge and Mrs. . Marsh McLelland and Family upon the death of his brother, John Nelson McLelland of Statesville.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 23, 1983

LUKE 18:1-8

The point of Jesus' parable is that God acts graciously to answer prayer. The judge's character is not the main point. But it is worth noting. The judge gave the woman her rights, not out of justice, but because she bothered him. There is a better reason to give all persons their rights, or to listen to the claims of those who have been treated unjustly. God endows every woman and every man with the same rights, and no one has the right to take them away.

"THE FIRST GREAT LIBERATOR OF WOMEN"

Mention the phrase "women's rights" and most people think of the movement against sex discrimination in our country. But women in many other countries are *also* facing an uphill battle against national laws and cultural patterns, as a letter from a United Church of Christ missionary reminds us.

"Women are struggling here in Zambia," writes Peggy Andrews, a UCC missionary at the Njase Girls' School in Zambia, Africa. "Many of the girls have spoken with me about practices they feel are unfair. Our head girl gave a speech in a competition on the right of a widow to keep her children. If a woman is widowed, she has no right to any of the things in the home or the children, only to her personal things that she can carry away herself."

"In my classes with the girls I stress that Jesus was the first great liberator of women," she writes. "These girls want homes and children, but many are not willing to give up their dignity and self-respect for the role of a subservient wife. For women here in Zambia, as well as women the world over, to take their God-created place beside men, we have to help men to understand that we are both created in God's image, male and female."

Through our gifts to Our Christian World Mission, we enable the United Church Board for World Ministries to support UCC missionaries—like Peggy Andrews—in their witness to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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October 30, 1983 11:00 a.m.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude The Royal Fireworks Suite
Overture, The Rejoicing G.F. Handel
Silent Prayers
Call to Worship
Choral Introit If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

THE PRAISE OF GOD

Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
O God, our Refuge, our Strength, and our help in time of trouble, enable us to worship you as our true Defender, that we may continue in your Word and know the truth that will make us free. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise 363 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

THE WITNESS OF FAITH

Welcome and Announcements
Reception of New Members p. 497
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Anthem Holy God, We Praise Thy Name Ringwald
(The congregation is invited to sing the last stanza of the anthem)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading of the Word II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

* Hymn 318 Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ
Sermon The Inner Game Dr. Hamilton
Prayer

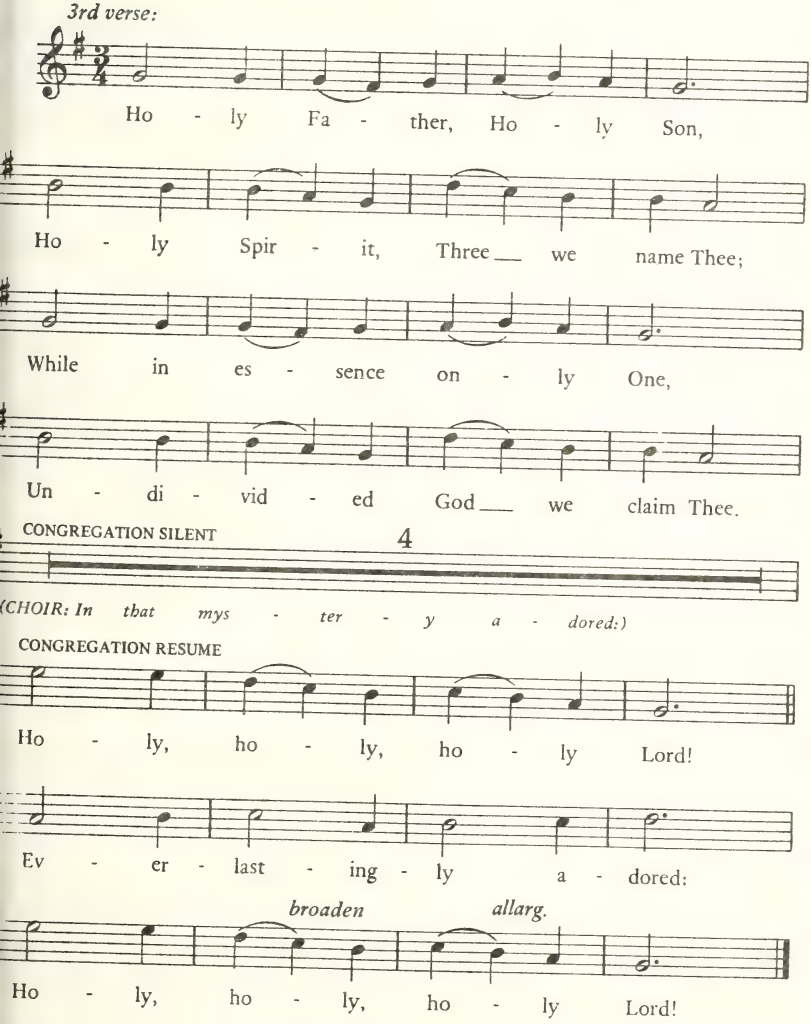
HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME

Te Deum

Arranged by
ROY RINGWALD

The congregation is invited to join in the melody of the 3rd verse, on cue from the director.

3rd verse:



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HE RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Invitation to Share

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Andante in B Major C. Franck

Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

The Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 306 For All The Saints

HE PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Benediction

Congregational Response The Doxology

The Postlude Minuet and Finale G.F. Handel

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, asking that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeter of the Day is Mr. Thomas L. Smith.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. James M. Simpson in memory of their parents.

DDAY: 4:30-6:00 Middle Hi Youth
5:30-7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Music Committee
7:00 Worship Committee

EW MEMBERS received today are: Mrs. Samuel Belk (in absentia), Mr. J. Albert Carpenter, and Rev. and Mrs. Michael Wilburn.

.L. RICH DAY has been proclaimed by the Elon College Board of Aldermen for November 2. That evening at 6:30 we will hold a covered-dish supper to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mr. Rich.

EXT SUNDAY during the worship service, the Adult Choir will perform a cantata, The Lord is My Shepherd, by J.S. Bach, in commemoration of the 500th birthday of Martin Luther.

HE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Mrs. Velna S. Motley on October 26.

RTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 30, 1983

II TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18

"The Lord stood by me." Well might the Apostle have said that. He took blow after blow as Christ's ambassador: sticks, stoning, shipwreck, controversy, betrayal, and jail. Faith in Christ made Paul strong. The First-Century Church could have said that. Harassed and divided, compromised and persecuted, the church was given power by God to endure and grow. Martin Luther could well have echoed that. Faith in Christ gave him the conviction of salvation and courage to "stand" before princes and prelates, God helping him. God, a mighty fortress. God, a never-failing bulwark.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

The "sovereignty of God" is the capstone of Protestant theological beliefs. A familiar corollary is in the words of the catechism that remind us that our "chief end" is to glorify God and to enjoy God forever.

It is difficult, however, to give God praise and glory if we are always striving anxiously to obtain praise and glory for ourselves. The truth is: We cannot give God the praise and accord God the glory due him if our thoughts and actions are focused constantly upon attention and applause for ourselves.

The Protestant reformers were not preoccupied with accolades and publicity. They were willing to humble themselves in order that God be exalted.

All of this suggests that the celebration of the Protestant Reformation goes deeper than merely invoking the name of Martin Luther and singing the tune, "A Mighty Fortress is our God." It calls upon us to examine our beliefs regarding God. It calls us to reflect upon our commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. And it calls us to humble ourselves in order that God as revealed to us in Jesus Christ may be exalted.

—Robert Newbold, Associated Stated Clerk
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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

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November 6, 1983 11:00 a.m.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott
J. Pachelbel

Call to Worship

THE PRAISE OF GOD

Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)

Almighty God, whose kingdom knows no end, strengthen your people who labor for the happiness and welfare of all people that they may find in you salvation and peace. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise 64 All Creatures of Our God and King

THE WITNESS OF FAITH

Welcome and Announcements
Moment of Concern Miss Caroline Powell
Hymn 333 Father Almighty, Bless Us With Thy Blessing
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading of the Word Psalm 23
The Cantata The Lord is My Shepherd J.S. Bach
Reading of the Word Matthew 5:1-12
Meditation Saints All Dr. Hamilton

THE RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Invitation to Share
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott J. Walther
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

THE CANTATA

ORUS: The Lord, He is my shepherd true,
My steps He safely guideth;
With all good things in order due
His bounty me provideth.
He leadeth me without surcease,
In green and pleasant paths of peace,
Wherein His grace abideth.

R: To living waters, bright and clear,
My thirsty soul He bringeth.
My heart is glad when He is near,
For joy my spirit singeth.
My feet He setteth in the way
All His commandments to obey,
That His great Name be had in honour.

CIT: And though I wander in death's dark vale,
No terror shall appal me;
In temptation, conflict, sadness,
No evil can befall me,
For Thou dost lead me tenderly,
Thy staff, good Shepherd, comforts me,
Thy strong word is my refuge.

ET: For me a table Thou hast spread,
My foes all disappointing;
My heart is glad, and on my head
The oil of Thine anointing.
Thy gracious voice my joy doth move,
And with the fulness of Thy love
My cup runneth over.

ORALE: The Lord is ever at my side,
His love shall fail me never;
Therefore my will is to abide
Within His house forever.
On earth His Church doth me sustain,
and after death I look to reign
With Christ, my Lord, in glory.

THE PERFORMERS

Denise Joines, Mezzo Soprano
Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano
James Glenn, Tenor
William Ginn, Bass

Sopranos

Lois Bost
Mary Anne Johnston
Denise Joines
Peggy Lackey
Gertrude Liscum
Mary Sue Mann
Carol Troxler

Tenors

J. Wesley Alexander
John Barbee
David Bragg
Paul Cheek
William Ellis

Altos

Carey Andes
Melva Foster
Jane Hamilton
Kristen Wilkins

Basses

George Edwards
Leslie Johnston
Philip Mann
Charles Wilkins
Louis Wilkins

Mary Alice Bragg, Director and Organist

The Prayer of Dedication
Hymn 29 Now Thank We All Our God
IE PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD
Benediction
Congregational Response The Doxology
The Postlude Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott M. Reger

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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E FALL ARRANGEMENT of Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. James Moncure.

DAY: 3:30 Both Youth Groups meet to view "The Prodigal", at the Terrace Theater.
7:30 Board of Deacons

INVITATION is extended all college students to ttend the Church School Class for this age group hich meets each Sunday morning at 10:00.

CLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week, as nnounced in "The Torch".

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Thursday evening at 7:00 in the Gregory Library.

OVERED-DISH FAMILY NIGHT is next Sunday evening at :30. You are also asked to bring your pledge to he 1984 Proposed Church Budget.

CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian ympathy to Mr. A. M. Primm and Family upon the eaty of Mrs. Sarah Primm on October 31.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 6, 1983

LUKE 19:1-10

We don't know the exact nature of Zacchaeus's work as tax collector. What we do know is that, for Zacchaeus, it made two things: a lot of money and many enemies. What got Zacchaeus up a tree? Curiosity? Dissatisfaction? The need for a friend? In whatever case, Zacchaeus found a better friend than he could have imagined—one who brought more than casual companionship to the lonely little rich publican. Jesus turned Zacchaeus around: new house, new work, new identity, new public. Salvation brings all that newness when it comes to anybody's house.

HUNGER ACTION FUND

Have you ever wondered how good a slice of bread would taste if you knew that all people on this earth had enough to eat? Elizabeth Dodson Gray is one writer who has asked herself this question and found an answer: "It would have the freshness of the sky after a hurricane," she writes, "and the savor of that first food after sickness."

"How would it feel . . . to eat whatever we eat with the joyful knowledge that all are eating, to dance to the rhythm of life knowing that all are dancing?," she asks.

We in the United Church of Christ can help work toward that vision by giving generously to the UCC Hunger Action Fund. This special appeal, made to UCC congregations about this time of year, provides direct support for local hunger-relief projects in the U.S.A., joins with other religious groups in public policy-advocacy, and works to secure action in hunger issues in UCC congregations.

"This Thanksgiving, as you gather with your friends and family to give thanks, for all the bountiful riches", says the Reverend Neill Richards, Coordinator of the UCC Hunger Action Office, "also take the occasion to create a vision when all will share in the world's sufficiency."

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Everything
in heaven
and earth
is yours. . .

All riches
and wealth
come from you

Now, our God
we give you thanks
and we praise
your glorious name

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November 13, 1983 11:00 a.m.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Hymn of Thanksgiving Traditional
(Chris Lewis, Piano)

Call to Worship

Choral Introit Ode to Joy arr. R. Emerson

THE PRAISE OF GOD

Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)

Look graciously upon us, O Holy Spirit, and give us for our blessing thoughts that pass into prayer prayers that pass into love, and love that passes into life eternal. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise 21 We Gather Together

THE WITNESS OF FAITH

Welcome and Announcements

The Responsive Prayer Mrs. Howard

The Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn 234 Breathe on Me Breath of God

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading of the Word Luke 12:15-31

Anthem The Journey is Our Home N. Pote

Sermon Our Money and Our Life Dr. Andes
Mr. Bunting

THE RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Invitation to Share

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory A Prayer E. Humperdinck

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER

FOR THE FAMILY THANK OFFERING

ader: Heavenly Father, we realize there are great differences between Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus and other persons of faith.

l: Give us courage to love others the way you love us. Help us to set aside our prejudices and share our faith in working together as peacemakers in seeking to solve common problems and to understand one another. Unite us, no matter by what name we choose to call you.

der: We are grateful for our youth who offer enthusiasm and energy. Realizing that our youth are the church of tomorrow, help us to give training, education, and support for personal development of youth; to give guidance with the opportunity to serve.

: We give thanks for the vitality and hope exemplified in the lives of our young people. We want to nurture, break down barriers, and open a new future as we help to develop youth leadership. Help us to discover, strengthen, renew the unique gifts that youth bring to our church and world.

der: Help us search for your will for each of us in daily living through studying the Bible to make the faith our own. We want to share fresh experiences and have enriched understandings with people of other faiths.

: With our hearts and minds, we will strive to be faithful to the God of our fathers and mothers, to preserve belief and awaken belief, to help bring into being a renewed community which believes in you.

Leader: Help us to develop a network of support for families by encouraging fidelity, justice, an love within families. Help us to be kind, pleasant, courteous and loving to sister, brother, parents, grandparents, friends - regardless of age - for all are your children.

All: Lead us in all ways, for we too are your children. Help us to affirm the child and parent each person and to minister to the needs of b as you minister to us. As we parents, help u to find joy in simple success, patience with failure, a sense of humor when ridiculous demands are made of us, and sensitivity to what it feels like to be a child. Help us feel your love and wisdom in all stressful, difficult times.

Amen.

Representatives of the Circles of the Women's Fellowsh will present their Thank Offerings. Others are invite to contribute by using the pew envelopes marked "Thank Offering".

The leader of the Responsive Reading is Mrs. Lucille Howard.

The Prayer of Dedication
Hymn 260 The Church's One Foundation
E PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD
Benediction
Congregational Response The Doxology
The Postlude Voluntary in G G. Young

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended:
All who visit and worship with us today;
The Choral Ensemble of Western Middle School and director, C. Miles Saunders;
Dr. Bill Andes, our Guest Minister, assisted by Mr. Wayne Bunting and Mrs. Lucille Howard.
Greeter of the Day is Mr. J. Mark McAdams.
E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mayse in honor of their parents.
DAY: 4:30 Youth Groups meet together
6:30 Family Night Covered Dish Dinner
TENDING a Spiritual Life Retreat at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds this weekend are: Dr. and Mrs. Bill Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Terrell, Mrs. Mildred Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilkins, and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamilton.
E FUN CLUB meets Tuesday at Noon for a covered-dish Thanksgiving Dinner. Members and community friends who are 90 or older will be honored.
E FAMILY NIGHT at 6:30 will be a kick-off for our Every Member Canvass. If you did not bring your 1984 Church pledge this morning, please do so this evening.
E MEN'S FELLOWSHIP is having a breakfast for all the men of the church on November 19 at 8:00 in the Parish House. So that we will have enough food for all, please make reservations through the church office by November 17.
E SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM will be celebrated the next two Sundays.
SPITALIZED: Richard Daniel at Veterans, Durham.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 13, 1983

I CHRONICLES 29:10-13

GIVE THANKS

Let us give thanks for all that God has given us.
For all creation.
For the stars above our heads.
For the ability to gaze upward upon the firmament.
For our planet—the water planet—that cradles
a delicate creation.
For all good gifts, let us say
WE GIVE THANKS.

Let us give thanks for our own lives,
And for the lives that touch ours.
For family. For loved ones who have left their gentle
imprint upon us.
For those with whom we now share our lives,
and who, in their sharing, enrich us.
For all good gifts, let us say
WE GIVE THANKS.

Let us give thanks for the Church that surrounds us with love.
For the Community of Believers that supports our Christian
action.
For the gift of belonging and sharing in the Body of Christ.
For God's gifts of truth and salvation and freedom.
For all good gifts, let us say
WE GIVE THANKS.

Let us give thanks for God, the Creator,
the giver of all in our lives.
For the many gifts which fill each of our lives.
For the furthest star whose light yet shines upon us.
For those unselfish persons who touch our lives.
For the nurturing community of Christian love.
For the power to give, in our turn, even as we
have received.
For those moments in which we respond in gratitude.
For all good gifts, let us say:
WE GIVE THANKS!

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A TIME FOR YOU TO BEAR TESTIMONY

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November 20, 1983 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Variations on "St. George" F. Woods

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

People: We enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; we are thankful to him and we bless his name.

UNISON PRAYER: We are a gifted people, O God. May all your gifts occasion our thanksgiving. As your mercies are new each morning, so may our praise burst forth each day. Amen.

*HYMN 461 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

* The Statement of Faith

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 61:10,11
Matthew 6:15-33

ANTHEM For the Beauty of the Earth J. Rutter

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers

The Spoken Prayers

Prayer Hymn 98 My God, I Thank Thee

THE OFFERING

Offertory Berceuse E. Thiman

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

ERMON Thanksliving Dr. Hamilton

YMN 464 Praise to God, Immortal Praise

ENEDICTION

Postlude Nun Danket Alle Gott S. Karg-Elert

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Wilkins in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lewis King and Mr. and Mrs. H. Glen Wilkins.

HE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is God's gift to Jefferson Davis Wilkins, III, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Wilkins.

HE ELON COMMUNITY Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held here Wednesday evening at 7:30. A period of fellowship will follow in the Updyke Choral Center. Let us give thanks together.

HE SENIOR HI YOUTH and youth counselors are on retreat this weekend. The youth groups will not meet this afternoon.

HE ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN is our special benevolent ministry for November. You are invited to share in the special offering. Please address any checks to the church and we will make our total gift as one.

LEASE NOTE the thermometer in the narthex. It marks our progress toward pledging our 1984 Proposed Budget. Pledge cards may be mailed or brought to the church.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 20, 1983
LUKE 21:5-19

It is hard to grasp poetic images in Malachi and Luke. Signs from heaven, earth aflame, the wicked burning like stubble: such visions leave many cold. We are steeped in science and technology. We don't believe in demons. But we know the demonic: gas chambers, exploitation of the poor, nuclear madness, extermination of advocates for justice and human dignity, a neurotic "wish to have everything" that plunders the planet and sets us at each other's throats. Is this not a time to bear testimony that counters the demonic with Christian sanity?

FILLED PLATES AND EMPTY PLACES

When we hear the word "testimony," many of us think of records submitted in a court of law, or experts advising a U.S. Congressional Committee. But Thanksgiving reminds us that we can all participate in another kind of testimony—one based on our faith.

Our Thanksgiving table could give us some ideas for testimony. In looking at the specially-prepared dishes on our table, we could remember those persons who are eating a sparse meal, or no meal at all, this Thanksgiving. Our testimony, then, could be one of speaking out against the conditions that keep people hungry in our country and in many countries around the world.

Then we might think of the relatives and friends who may be sharing Thanksgiving with us. But how many families in other countries will be counting empty places around their tables? Perhaps their loved ones were murdered, or "disappeared," or were forced to flee political oppression. Our testimony, then, could be one of acting in solidarity with sisters and brothers suffering political violence.

This Thanksgiving, we might consider giving thanks through this kind of witness to our faith!

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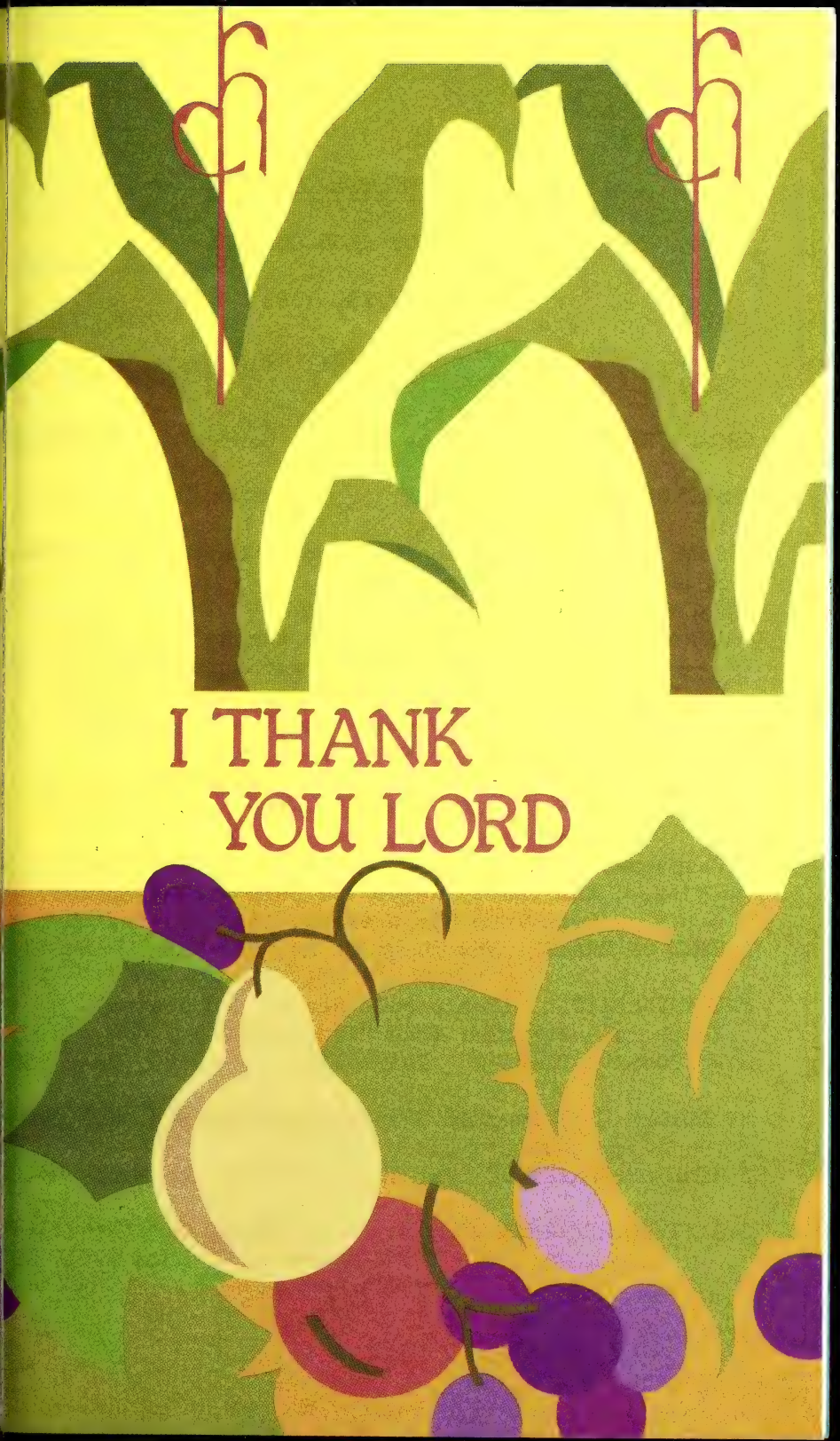
I THANK
YOU LORD

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNITY OF ELON COLLEGE

November 23, 1983

7:30 P.M.

ORGAN PRELUDE Variations on "St. George" F. Woods

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

CHORAL INTROIT Sing to The Lord of Harvest Willan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let all people praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works!

Response: Blessed be his glorious name forever, and let the whole earth be filled with his glory!

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and bless his name!

Response: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the land! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

*A HYMN OF PRAISE Now Thank We All Our God No. 29

THE INVOCATION (The people seated and bowing)
The Lord's Prayer (use "Trespasses")

A RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 136 Page 536

AN ANTHEM A Hymn of Thanksgiving David H. Williams

*A HYMN OF GRATITUDE For the Beauty of the Earth No. 6

SCRIPTURE READINGS First Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 17:11-19

IE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, PENITENCE, AND PETITION
Response No. 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us With Thy Blessing" (v.1)

)MMUNITY CONCERNS

IE OFFERING

'FERTORY MUSIC Thanks be to Thee G.F. Handel

IE DOXOLOGY

IE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANKSGIVING TESTIMONIES Mrs. Janie Brown
Mrs. Gladys Hughes

MN O Beautiful for Spacious Skies No. 440

SPONSE No. 61 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

IE ORGAN POSTLUDE Finale from Symphony No. 1 Vierne

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LCOME to all as we share in this Community Thanksgiving Service of Worship. And thanks to the various representatives of the First Baptist Church and the Elon College Community Church who have planned and prepared for our community worship.

NURSERY for younger children is available on the lower level of this building.

E EVENING OFFERING will be divided equally between the two sponsoring churches for emergency needs of families in the community.

LLOWING THE SERVICE you are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshment in the Parish House. You may enter by the south door.

For your LOVE and FAITHFULNES

Alleluia
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November 27, 1983 First Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Variations on "Greensleeves" R. Purvis

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Prophecy

PRAISE TO GOD

Choral Introit Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Pastor: Now is the time of watching and waiting, the time of expectation of a new life.

People: Now is the time of hope unfolding.

Unison: We come before the Lord with receptive and willing spirits. Praise God. He brings the birthday of life and hope.

* Hymn 110 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

* The Statement of Faith

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

New Testament Reading Matthew 24:36-44

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 397 Lord, Speak to Me

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Noel Varie R. Purvis

* Cong. Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Dedication of Gifts

HE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Special Music Lo, How A Rose e'er Blooming
Praetorius-Brahms
(Cris Bragg, Piano)

Sermon Living Defensively Dr. Hamilton

ING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 114 Life Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Benediction

Congregational Response The Doxology

Postlude From Whence the Sun Rises M. Dupre

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shomaker in memory of Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Shomaker and Mr. E. T. Murray.

E SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM is God's gift to Meghan Louise Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Martin.

E YOUTH GROUPS meet together today, 5:00-6:30.

E FINANCE COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the Gregory Library.

E CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets with the Planing for Renewal Committee Wednesday evening at 7:00.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to act on the report of the Nominating Committee and the 1984 Proposed Church Budget will follow our Service of Worship next Sunday.

NGRATULATIONS to Robert Lamond and Cindy Rinker whose Service of Marriage was celebrated yesterday.

SPITALIZED: Mrs. Bertie Fields at County, Mrs. Lillian Kimrey at Memorial, Mrs. Virginia Richardson at Duke.

TICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 1983

MATTHEW 24:36-44

ADVENT

Who would have supposed that Christ would arrive in our world at the place where he did and in the way he did? It is easy for most of us, in our mostly-free and ordered lives, to give passing thought to the idea of a King born in a stable. But to become fully conscious of how that could be is truly difficult.

That was cattle feed that his mother laid him in, this not-even-an-hour-old baby. It was not a fairy-tale place; it was in a barn that was probably cold, dusty, and drafty. There was no doctor, and there was no shiny-clean nursery.

In the cold world outside lived a subjugated people, in an iron-fisted empire, nominally ruled by a tyrant willing to murder hundreds or thousands of young lives because of a rumor that one of them someday would take his throne away.

None of this fits very nicely with images of a starry night and angel visitation. Yet it tells us—if only we will think on it long enough—what kind of King, and on whose side, he was born to be.

For such a time and in such a place did God come in Jesus Christ!

—Vic Jameson
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December 4, 1983 Second Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Noel for Flute Stops L. D'Aquin

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES
Promise . . . Believe

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Christ is the World's True Light
Pastor: Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us . . . that we might have hope.
People: May God enable us to have the same point of view, that with one voice we might praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

* Hymn 108 Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 11:1-9
New Testament Reading Matthew 3:1-12

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Hymn 232 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Rejoice, O Daughter of Zion G.F. Handel
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
* Cong. Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Dedication of Gifts

HE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Anthem E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come P. Manz

Sermon Why All the Shouting? Dr. Hamilton

OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 43 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Congregational Meeting

Benediction

Congregational Response The Doxology

Postlude Toccata J. Pachelbel

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Col. and Mrs. Dariel Burchfield in memory of Capt. Joe Stuart Burchfield.

ODAY: 12:00 Congregational Meeting
6:15 Board of Deacons Special Meeting with The Planning for Renewal Committee.
7:00 Women's Fellowship Executive Board
7:30 Board of Deacons

HE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is called to take action on the Report of the Nominating Committee and the Proposed 1984 Church Budget.

EXT SUNDAY during the worship service, the Adult Choir will present its annual Christmas program, A Carol Service with Nine Lessons, by Theron Kirk.

OSPITALIZED: Mrs. Lillian Kimrey at Memorial; Mrs. Virginia Richardson at Duke, Durham.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 1983

MATTHEW 3:1-12

What is the fruit of Christian faith? Christian faith works to secure what Isaiah called "equity for the meek." It takes risks to safeguard the rights of the powerless, meet the needs of the poor, and assure the integrity of the nation. It gives us courage to do what is right, makes us ready to acknowledge what is wrong, and inspires us to be persistent in glorifying God. It yields *shalom,* an ancient word for things the world now critically needs: justice, health, wholeness, and peace. In every age, these are things that pave the way for the coming of Christ.

"CHRISTIAN CARE IN OUR COUNTRY"

This is Health and Welfare Sunday—a very special day in the lives of many of our congregations in the United Church of Christ. Today we recognize those hospitals, homes, and service agencies which provide health and welfare services to people as a witness to the compassionate love of Christ.

Through our support of these institutions and agencies, individuals, congregations and conferences in the UCC reach out to aging persons in our country . . . to developmentally-disabled children and their families . . . to persons in need of emergency and preventive health care. We reach out to these persons and thousands more through church-related health and human services.

These services related to the United Church of Christ now include 14 hospitals, 12 children's facilities, 102 residences for the aging, 6 programs for the developmentally disabled, and 13 neighborhood and community centers. Together, these agencies and institutions employ over 28,000 compassionate and skilled persons, provide over a million hours of voluntary services, give almost 12 million dollars of charity care annually, and train over 2,000 students per year. Whether it is through health care, long-term counseling, housing for the aging, chaplain services, or other ministries, church-related health and welfare institutions play a crucial role in the well-being of almost one and a half million persons annually.

Today we celebrate Health and Welfare Sunday in the United Church of Christ and affirm these important ministries of Christian care in our country.

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December 11, 1983 Third Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE In Dulci Jubilo J.S. Bach

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES
Promise . . . Believe . . . Rejoice

CHORAL INTROIT: Of The Father's Love Begotten Plainsong

CALL TO WORSHIP
* Hymn 110 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Prayer
Anthem In the Bleak Mid Winter Gustav Holst

LESSON I Genesis 3:8-15
Anthem: The Lord At First Did Adam Make Traditional

LESSON II Genesis 22:15-18
Anthem: Now Every Child That Dwells on Earth Farjeon

LESSON III
Anthem: O Little One Sweet, O Little One Mild Scheidt

LESSON IV Micah 5:1-4
* Hymn 134 O Little Town of Bethlehem

OFFERTORY The Magnificat P. Arna
(Denise Joines, Soprano)

LESSON V Luke 1:26-33,38
Anthem: Once in Royal David's City H. Gauntlett

LESSON VI Matthew 1:18-25
Anthem: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
Traditional

SSON VII Luke 2:8-16
nthem: In Dulci Jubilo German Melody

SSON VIII Matthew 2:1-2
nthem: We Three Kings of Orient Are J.H. Hopkins

SSON IX The Christmas Gospel: St. John 1:1-14
ymn 132 O Come All Ye Faithful

EDICTION RESPONSE
Christ, to Thee with God the Father

STLUDE O Come, All Ye Faithful Rudolf Moser

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

ORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us oday. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, equesting you to sign the guest register in the narhex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Ralph Oxford and r. John Gerlach.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. nd Mrs. Howard Loy in memory of Janet Loy Faulkner.

WELCOME Teresa Anderson and Margaret Peterson as our uest flutists today. They are both students at lon College.

AY: 5:00 Middle Hi and Senior Hi Youth.

CONGREGATION has been invited to participate in the ommunity Sing-A-Long. Please gather in front of Town all at 6:00 this evening. A fellowship/refreshment eriod will follow in the Parish House.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Quarterly Meeting is tomorrow vening at 7:30 in the Updyke Choral Center. Please efer to the bulletin insert for Christmas Cheer items eeded.

XT SUNDAY EVENING at 6:00 we will be having a Christmas Family Night Covered-dish Dinner in the Parish ouse.

SPITALIZED: Mrs. Jessie Hook and Mrs. Lillian Kimrey at Memorial; Mrs. Virginia Richardson at Duke.

TICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 1983

MATTHEW 11:2-11

When John the Baptist sent followers to ask Jesus if he was really the Messiah, Jesus told them to go and tell John what they had seen him do for the sick and the poor. That is an effective way to get people to Jesus: go where they are and tell what you, yourself, have experienced. A study of newcomers to the church now bears that out. Three out of four of them said that they were first attracted to their church when somebody came and spoke a good word to them about it. To whom could you go and tell of your own experience with the community of Christ's people?

"ACTIVE GOODNESS OF EVERY KIND"

When the author of Colossians wrote a prayer for the early Christians, he asked that they "bear fruit in active goodness of every kind" (NEB Col. 1:10). The prayer has been fulfilled over the centuries by men and women of faith who have been the church in every generation.

Retired ministers and their spouses, who served the church through their working years, now rest from their regular duties, but their active goodness continues to bear fruit in the church today.

The Christmas Fund each year calls us to give thanks for all who serve, and highlights the special needs of some who are in poor health or have limited financial resources. From all over the church, gifts come to the Pension Boards to provide a year-round support system.

- Christmas gifts are sent to certain retired ministers who are referred by United Church of Christ conferences because of special needs.
- Emergency help is given to both active and retired clergy who face unexpected needs. Consultation with conferences certifies these needs.
- A significant grant from the Christmas Fund offering goes to the General Synod's Plan of Supplementation of Small Annuities, a program that brings total pension income to a basic Synod-established minimum, related to years of service.

As you give to the Christmas Fund, you are part of the active goodness of every kind that makes ours a caring community.

—Don A. Bundy
Secretary, Pension Boards

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December 18, 1983 Fourth Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Of the Father's Love Begotten arr. W. Held

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES
Promise . . . Believe . . . Rejoice . . . Behold

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Of the Father's Love Begotten
Pastor: Blessed are they who find Christmas in the age-old story of a Babe born in Bethlehem.
People: To them a little child will always mean hope and promise to a troubled world.

* Hymn 103 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 7:10-15
New Testament Reading Matthew 1:18-25

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Hymn 119 As With Gladness Men of Old
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory O Little Town of Bethlehem arr. W. Held
* Cong. Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION
Anthem O Little One Sweet, O Little One Mild S. Scheidt
Sermon The Incredible Announcement Dr. Hamilto

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

TO: The Whole World

FROM: Mary and Joseph

Mary is going to have a baby. We invite you to join us next Sunday in celebrating this happy event.

Joseph learned of the coming birth from an angel in a dream.

The angel told Joseph not to be afraid, that the baby would be conceived by the Holy Spirit, that his name would be called Jesus, and that he would also be known as Emmanuel.

Please join us in our Christmas celebration!

Regrets only.

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OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE of carols, meditation, communion, and Candle-lighting is Saturday evening at 7:30.

OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 130 Joy to the World

Benediction

Choral Response Christ to Thee with God the Father

Postlude Wake, Awake for Night is Flying J. Walther

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson and Mrs. R.T. Bradford by the Family.

THE FLOWERS are placed in the narthex in honor of Holt and Evella Sutton upon their Golden Wedding Anniversary by the Family.

WE WELCOME Nancy Thomas as our guest organist today. It is always a pleasure to have her participating in our services.

TODAY: 5:00 Middle Hi and Senior Hi Youth
5:30 Pre-school and Elementary Children
6:30 Family Night

THE FAMILY NIGHT is this evening at 6:30. A Christmas program will be presented by the children. Please bring your favorite covered-dish.

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Updyke Choral Center.

CUB PACK 51 meets Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the Parish House. Younger children (and families) are invited to come for a visit with Santa.

COLLEGE STUDENTS will have a re-union at the Parsonage Friday evening at 8:00.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Virginia Richardson at Duke: Mr. Willard White at Memorial.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 1983
MATTHEW 1:18-25

Jesus, *Emmanuel,* God with us: God who is Light— not a candlelight that grows and fades away or flickers in winds of adversity, in danger of blowing out. God: a strong flame no darkness can overwhelm. Jesus, *Emmanuel,* God with us: God who is Love—no love that comes and goes with faltering approval, always in danger of loss because of sin and unfaith, but a mother-like affection from which nothing can separate us, a love known in judgment and forgiveness, love unfailing in life and death. Jesus, *Emmanuel,* One by whose present life is God with us—now!

CHRISTIANITY: ALIVE AND GROWING IN AFRICA

Christianity is rapidly growing in the largest continent in the world—Africa. In fact, many church leaders estimate that Africa will contain the largest Christian population in the world by the year 2000!

One missionary couple in Botswana, Africa, recently wrote that they were "impressed by the strength of faith of many people who are witnessing to the Good News of the Gospel in what are frequently very difficult political and economic conditions."

"Here in Botswana," they write, "we are surrounded by nations in which there are various struggles and unhappy circumstances, and we ask your prayers for a peaceful settlement in our western neighbor Namibia, for peace . . . between the conflicting groups in Zimbabwe, and for justice in the tragic situation that is South Africa."

Signs of hope are visible though, in "pastors who have been boldly standing with their people," they write. An annual South African Church Assembly also recently called for a "unitary, nonracial government for all the people in South Africa."

Through the work of Christians overseas and in the U.S., the church is helping to foster these signs of Christian growth in Africa!

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EMMANUEL

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Christmas Eve 7:30 P.M. December 24, 1983

PRELUDE Silent Night, Holy Night Gruber
(Cris Bragg, Piano)
Lighting the Advent Candles
Lighting the Christmas Candle
Choral Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God and the Word was God.
People: All things were made by him. In him was life and the life was the Light of humankind.
Unison: Let our lights so shine before all that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

*CAROL 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

THE LIGHT REVEALED

A PROPHECY Isaiah 9:2,6,7 Dr. Andes

CAROL 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

CHRISTMAS PRAYER Dr. Hamilton

ANTHEM Three Moravian Carols Traditional

THE LIGHT RECEIVED

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-18 Dr. Hurst

AROL 129 "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

HE OFFERING
Offertory Liebster Jesu J.S. Bach

EDITATION The Heart of Christmas

THE LIGHT REFLECTED

AROL 140 "What Child Is This"

HE COMMUNION
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Benediction

HE CANDLE-LIGHTING

AROL 130 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

HE COMMUNION is served to professing members of Christ's Church. We gather as the family of God in small groups in the fellowship of The Table to receive the sacrament.

CANDLES with drip protectors are placed in each pew. The ministers will receive the Light from the Christmas Candle, the persons at the ends of each pew from the ministers, the members of the congregation from each other.

TONIGHT, as we receive the Light, may it symbolize to us personally the Light of the world. The light we carry in our hands is indicative of the Light we carry in our hearts. Let your Light so shine before all persons that they, seeing it, may glorify and give thanks to God by receiving the Light and carrying it in their lives to shine all the more. Thus comes that good will and peace for which we yearn.

Alleluia
OCCASIONS MT 1:23

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December 25, 1983 Christmas Day 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Christmas Meditations Selected
Lighting the Advent Candles
Lighting the Christmas Candle
Carol 137 Away in A Manger

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: To experience Christmas is to celebrate within ourselves the birth of peace and joy.
People: These gifts and others wait for us and become known in the birth of God's Son. God sent his only Son that we might experience his love and his life.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CAROLS 127 Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn
* 130 Joy to the World
136 On this Day Earth Shall Ring

THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY Luke 2:1-20

SERMON The Best Gift Dr. Hamilton

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

CAROLS 141 The First Nowell
* 125 Good Christian Men, Rejoice

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Awake, Arise, for Christ is Born Nevins
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Poinsettias are placed in the chancel

in memory of

The Rev. and Mrs. William J. Boyd
by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Y. Boyd

Mrs. S. E. Foster
by Sara Dodson, Sam Foster, and Melva Foster

Mr. Melvin R. Hamilton and Mr. Gordon L. Whitener
by Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton

The Rev. T. H. Mackintosh
by Mrs. L. E. Bemiss and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Thompson

Mr. Walter C. Perry
by The Family

Mr. Walter L. Smith
by Mrs. Linda Sonovick, Mrs. Robin Holt and Mrs. Goldie Smith

Dr. John G. Truitt
by The Family

in honor of

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Hamilton
by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price, Jr.

Mrs. W. E. Loy, Sr.
by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loy

CAROL 120 Hark, the Herald Angles Sing

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response "The Lives of Each Other"
Tune 140: Greensleeves

The acts of kindness, the signs of care
The laughs together, the thoughts we share,
Those deeper moments that seem so rare,
Are the gifts that we give to each other.
Here, then, we have paused to praise,
The God who's blessed us through all our days;
Touched us in a thousand ways
As He's giv'n us the lives of each other.

We pray for grace that we'll always sense
That our hopes and joys and our confidence,
Have grown through people we know, and hence
Are the gifts that we give to each other.
Praise God, from whom all lives flow--
The lives of persons who've loved us so.
Friends, families and all we know--
We thank Him for giving us each other.

POSTLUDE Glory to God in the Highest J. Pachelbel

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Willard White in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Luther White and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hollifield.

THE NEW YEAR'S EVE "All-Church" Fellowship Night will start about 8:30 and continue until the new year begins. All ages are invited. If you have a game to share or left-over goodies to eat, please bring these with you.

OTHER: The Church office will be closed tomorrow . . . Articles for "The Torch" are due Tuesday morning . . . The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

DECEMBER 25, 1983
LUKE 2:1-14

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Beginning with the angels, whose eloquent chorus weaves together the theme of heaven and the longing of earth, the sound of music fills the air as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Johann Sebastian Bach, one of the world's greatest composers, heard the angels' song and the truth it proclaimed. He not only wrote magnificent music—"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," the B Minor Mass, and the Brandenburg Concertos—but he initialed the end of every piece with the letters S.D.G., *Soli Deo Gloria:* "to God alone the glory."

Is this not the way to peace on earth, when and only when we live for God's glory and not our own? When we seek for ourselves the glory that rightfully belongs to God, our lives become unhappy and distorted, international relations become tense and threatening, peace eludes us.

The angels herald the birth of a Savior who comes to reign and reorder our lives, to be born in us that we might initial our lives and all that we do "to God alone the glory," and to show us by cradle and cross the way to peace.

With this child's coming there is again and again the stirring of new life, new hope, and new gladness, that joins our song with that of the angels: "Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born! Glory to God in the highest!" To God alone the glory!

—Mary Jane Winter
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